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This report provides detailed statistical information on crime in schools. It is a companion document to the "Annual Report on School Safety: 1999," which offers an overview of the nature and scope of school crime. This report is organized as a series of indicators, with each indicator presenting data on a different aspect of school crime and safety. The report contains 4 sections: Nonfatal Student Victimization--Student Reports; Violence and Crime at School--Public School Principal/Disciplinarian Reports; Nonfatal Teacher Victimization at School--Teacher Reports; and School Environment. The report shows that even though the actual rate of victimization has declined or remained constant over recent years, students feel less safe at school now than just a few years ago. Students, ages 12 through 19, who reported avoiding one or more places at school for their own safety increased between 1989 and 1995. The presence of street gangs on school property continued to concern students, reflected by the fact that the percentage of students who reported seeing street gangs at their school increased from 1989 to 1995. Alcohol and marijuana use on school property remained constant, although marijuana use anywhere by students in grades 9 through 12 increased. Three appendices list school safety practices and policies, technical notes, and other information. (RJM)

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FOREWORD

The renewed national focus on school crime and safety continues into the current school year, fueled not only by the tragic events in Colorado, Oregon, and elsewhere, but also by the more common but less serious violence that touches the lives of students, parents, teachers, and school officials.

Solutions to any problem can only be developed if the programs and policies developed to address it are built on accurate information about the nature, extent, and scope of the problem. This report is intended to provide information that will assist in developing programs to prevent and cope with violence and crime in schools.

This is the second edition of *Indicators of School Crime and Safety*, a joint effort by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and National Center for Education Statistics. The report provides detailed statistical information to inform the nation on the current nature of crime in schools, and is a companion document to the *Annual Report on School Safety: 1999*. The *Annual Report* is a joint publication of the Departments of Education and Justice that provides an overview of the nature and scope of school crime and describes actions schools and communities can take to address this critical issue. The two reports respond to a 1998 request by President Clinton for an annual report card on school violence.

This edition of *Indicators* contains the most recent available data on school crime and safety drawn from a number of statistical series supported by the federal government. The data in the report can provide perspective on the extent of crime and violence in our schools, as well as some measure of our national response to this problem.

We were not able to include in this edition the latest information about school-associated violent deaths, a key indicator of great interest to students, parents, teachers and others involved in addressing school violence. We anticipate that preliminary estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's study on this topic will be included in the *1999 Annual Report*, and the complete study will be submitted later this year for publication in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Electronic editions of this *Indicators* report will contain links to the data concerning school-associated violent deaths as soon as they are available.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics and National Center for Education Statistics continue to work towards providing more timely and accurate data on the issue of school-related violence and safety. The results of the 1999 School

Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey will be included in next year's edition of *Indicators*, while the following year's report will contain data from a new survey of school administrators on crime and victimization in the schools.

We hope that this ongoing series of data collections and reports will continue to help inform the President, Congress, and the American people about our nation's progress in providing our children with safe places to live and learn.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Schools should be safe and secure places for all students, teachers, and staff members. Without a safe learning environment, teachers cannot teach and students cannot learn. In fact, as the data in this report show, more victimizations happen away from school than at school.[1] For example, despite the tragic and deadly incidents on school campuses in the last few years, in 1997, students were about three times more likely to be victims of nonfatal serious violent crime away from school than at school (Indicator 1).

However, although young people are less likely to be victimized at school than they are away from school, this does not mean that there are not crimes in schools. Although between 1993 and 1997 the total nonfatal victimization rate for young people declined, in 1997, students ages 12 through 18 were victims of about 202,000 serious violent crimes at school (that is, rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault). They were victims of more than 2.7 million total crimes at school (Indicator 1). Furthermore, for some types of crimes at school, rates have not changed over the last few years. For example, between 1993 and 1997, the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in the past 12 months remained constant—at about 7 or 8 percent (Indicator 3). The percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being in a physical fight on school property in the past 12 months also remained unchanged between 1993 and 1997—at about 15 percent (Indicator 4).

As noted in last year's report, while data show that the actual rate of victimization has declined or remained constant over recent years, students seem to feel less safe at school now than just a few years ago. Students ages 12 through 19 who reported avoiding one or more places at school for their own safety increased between 1989 and 1995—from 5 to 9 percent (Indicator 13). Furthermore, the presence of street gangs on school property continues to be a concern and may lead to students feeling less safe. The percentage of students who reported that street gangs were present at their schools increased from 1989 to 1995. In 1995, 28 percent of students ages 12 through 19 reported that they had street gangs at their schools compared to 15 percent in 1989 (Indicator 14).

In addition, whereas alcohol and marijuana use on school property remained constant between 1993 and 1995, marijuana use anywhere among students in grades 9 through 12 increased. In 1997, about 26 percent of these stu-

[1]The reader should be cautious in making comparisons between victimization rates on school property and elsewhere. These data do not allow the estimation of hours on school property and hours elsewhere.

dents had used marijuana in the last 30 days (Indicator 17). Furthermore, almost one-third of all students in grades 9 through 12 (32 percent) reported that someone had offered, sold, or given them an illegal drug on school property—an increase from 24 percent in 1993 (Indicator 18).

Therefore, the data shown in this report present a mixed picture of school safety. While overall school crime rates have declined, violence, gangs, and drugs are still evident in some schools. It is hoped that all children will be able to go to and from school and spend time at school without fearing for their safety or the safety of their friends and teachers. The data presented in this report indicate that more work needs to be done.

Organization of the Current Report

This report, the second in a series of annual reports on school crime and safety from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for Education Statistics, presents the latest available data on school crime and student safety. The report repeats many indicators from last year's report but also provides updated data on nonfatal student victimization and nonfatal teacher victimization, and new data on student fights and the availability of drugs on school property.

The report provides a profile of school crime and safety in the United States and describes the characteristics of the victims of these crimes. It is organized as a series of indicators, with each indicator presenting data on a different aspect of school crime and safety. There are four sections to the report: Nonfatal Student Victimization—Student Reports; Violence and Crime at School—Public School Principal/Disciplinarian Reports; Nonfatal Teacher Victimization at School—Teacher Reports; and School Environment. Each section contains a set of indicators that, taken together, describe a distinct aspect of school crime and safety.

Rather than relying on data from a large omnibus survey of school crime and safety, this report uses a variety of independent data sources from federal departments and agencies including the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Center for Education Statistics, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Each data source has an independent sample design, data collection method, and questionnaire design, all of which may be influenced by the unique perspective of the primary funding agency. By combining multiple and independent sources of data, it is hoped that this report will present a more valid portrait of school crime and safety than would be possible with any single source of information.

However, because the report relies on so many different data sets, the age groups, the time periods, and the types of respondents analyzed can vary from indicator to indicator. Readers should keep this in mind as they compare

data from different indicators. Furthermore, while every effort has been made to keep key definitions consistent across indicators, different surveys sometimes use different definitions, such as those for specific crimes and "at school."[2] Therefore, caution should be used in making comparisons between results from different data sets. Descriptions of these data sets are located in appendix B of this report.

Key Findings

Some of the key findings from the various sections of this report are as follows:[3]

Nonfatal Student Victimization—Student Reports

In 1997, students ages 12 through 18 were victims of about 202,000 nonfatal serious violent crimes at school, and about 636,000 away from school. These numbers indicate that when students were away from school, they were more likely to be victims of nonfatal serious violent crime—including rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault—than when they were at school (Indicator 1).

- The percentages of students in grades 9 through 12 who have been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property[4] have not changed significantly in recent years. In 1993, 1995, and 1997, about 7 to 8 percent of students reported being threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property in the past 12 months (Indicator 3).
- Students were differentially victimized by crime according to where they lived. In 1997, 12- through 18-year-old students living in urban or suburban areas were more vulnerable to serious violent crime at school than were students in rural areas. Away from school, urban students were more vulnerable to serious violent crime than were suburban or rural students. However, student vulnerability to theft at school in 1997 was similar in urban, suburban, and rural areas and similar in urban and suburban areas away from school (Indicator 1).

Violence and Crime at School—Public School Principal/Disciplinarian Reports

In 1996–97, 10 percent of all public schools reported at least one serious violent crime to the police or a law enforcement representative. Principals' reports of serious violent crimes included murder, rape or other type of sexual battery, suicide, physical attack or fight with a weapon, or robbery. Another 47 percent of public schools reported a less serious violent or nonviolent crime (but not a serious violent one). Crimes in this category include physical at-

[2]Readers should consult the glossary of terms in appendix C for the specific definitions used in each survey.
[3]All comparisons reported here were statistically significant at the 0.05 level. See appendix B for details on the methods used here.
[4]Definitions for "on school property" and "at school" may differ. See appendix C for specific definitions.

tack or fight without a weapon, theft/larceny, and vandalism. The remaining 43 percent of public schools did not report any of these crimes to the police (Indicator 7).

- Elementary schools were much less likely than either middle or high schools to report any type of crime in 1996–97. They were much more likely to report vandalism (31 percent) than any other crime (19 percent or less) (Indicator 8).
- At the middle and high school levels, physical attack or fight without a weapon was generally the most commonly reported crime in 1996–97 (9 and 8 per 1,000 students, respectively). Theft or larceny was more common at the high school than at the middle school level (6 versus 4 per 1,000 students) (Indicator 8).

Nonfatal Teacher Victimization at School—Teacher Reports

Over the 5-year period from 1993 to 1997, teachers were victims of 1,771,000 nonfatal crimes at school, including 1,114,000 thefts and 657,000 violent crimes (rape or sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated and simple assault) (Indicator 9). This translates into 84 crimes per 1,000 teachers per year.

- In the period from 1993 to 1997, middle/junior high school teachers were more likely to be victims of violent crimes (most of which were simple assaults) than senior high school teachers, who, in turn, were more likely to be victims of violent crime than elementary school teachers (60 versus 37 and 37 versus 18 crimes per 1,000 teachers) (Indicator 9).
- In the 1993–94 school year, 12 percent of all elementary and secondary school teachers were threatened with injury by a student, and 4 percent were physically attacked by a student. This represented about 341,000 teachers who were victims of threats of injury by students that year, and 119,000 teachers who were victims of attacks by students (Indicator 10).

School Environment

Between 1989 and 1995, the percentages of students who felt unsafe while they were at school and while they were going to and from school increased. In 1989, 6 percent of students ages 12 through 19 sometimes or most of the time feared they were going to be attacked or harmed at school. By 1995, this percentage had risen to 9 percent. During the same period, the percentage of students fearing they would be attacked while traveling to and from school rose from 4 percent to 7 percent (Indicator 12).

- Between 1989 and 1995, the percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who avoided one or more places at school for fear of their own safety increased, from 5 percent to 9 percent. In 1995, this percentage represented 2.1 million students (Indicator 13).
- Between 1989 and 1995, the percentage of students who reported that street gangs were present at their schools increased. In 1989, 15 percent of students reported gangs being present in their schools. By 1995, this percentage had risen to 28 percent (Indicator 14).
- Between 1993 and 1997, the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon on school property at least 1 day within 30 days before the survey fell from 12 percent to 9 percent (a 25 percent reduction) (Indicator 11).
- In 1997, about 51 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 had at least one drink of alcohol in the 30 days before being surveyed. A much smaller percentage (about 6 percent) had at least one drink on school property during the same period (Indicator 16).
- There was an increase in the use of marijuana among students between 1993 and 1995. In 1995, about 25 percent of all students in grades 9 through 12 had used marijuana in the last 30 days, compared with 18 percent in 1993. Marijuana use in 1997, at 26 percent, was similar to that in 1995. However, marijuana use on school property did not increase significantly between 1993 and 1995, or between 1995 and 1997 (Indicator 17).
- In 1995 and 1997, almost one-third of all students in grades 9 through 12 (32 percent) reported that someone had offered, sold, or given them an illegal drug on school property. This was an increase from 1993 when 24 percent of such students reported illegal drugs available to them on school property (Indicator 18).

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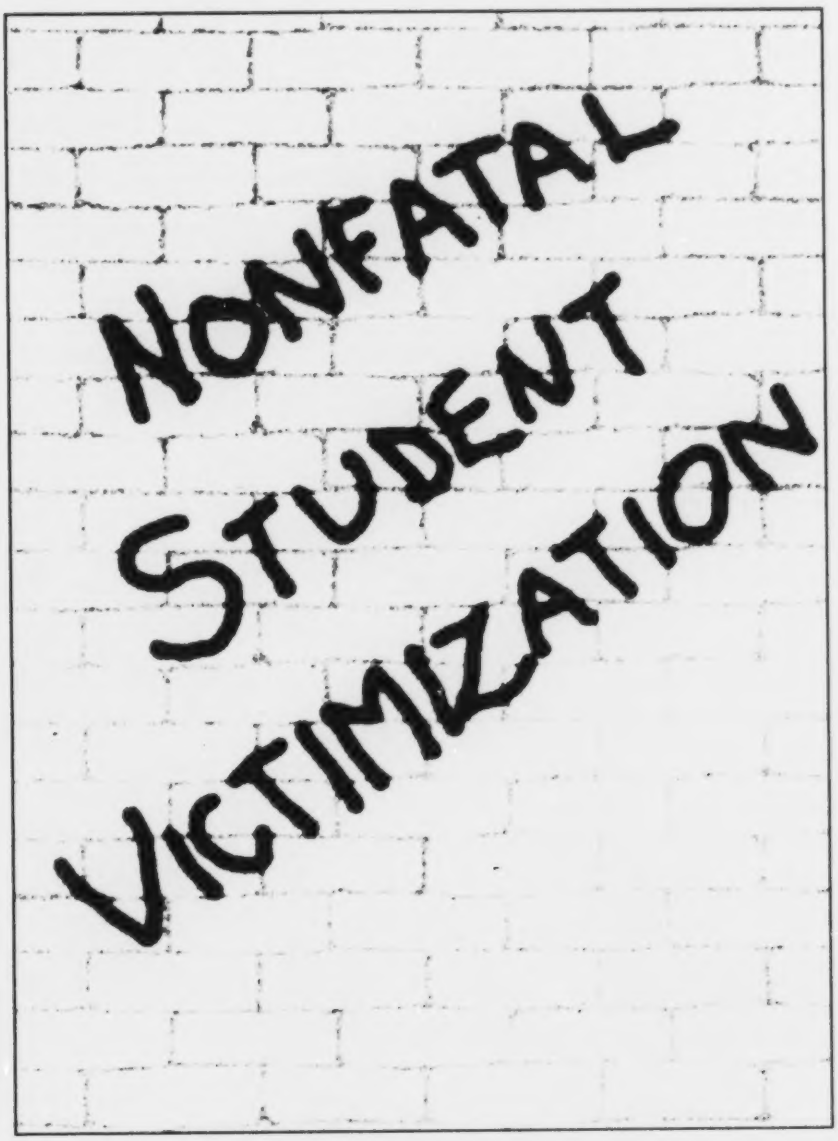


Nonfatal Student Victimization—
Student Reports

1. Victimization of students at school and away from school*

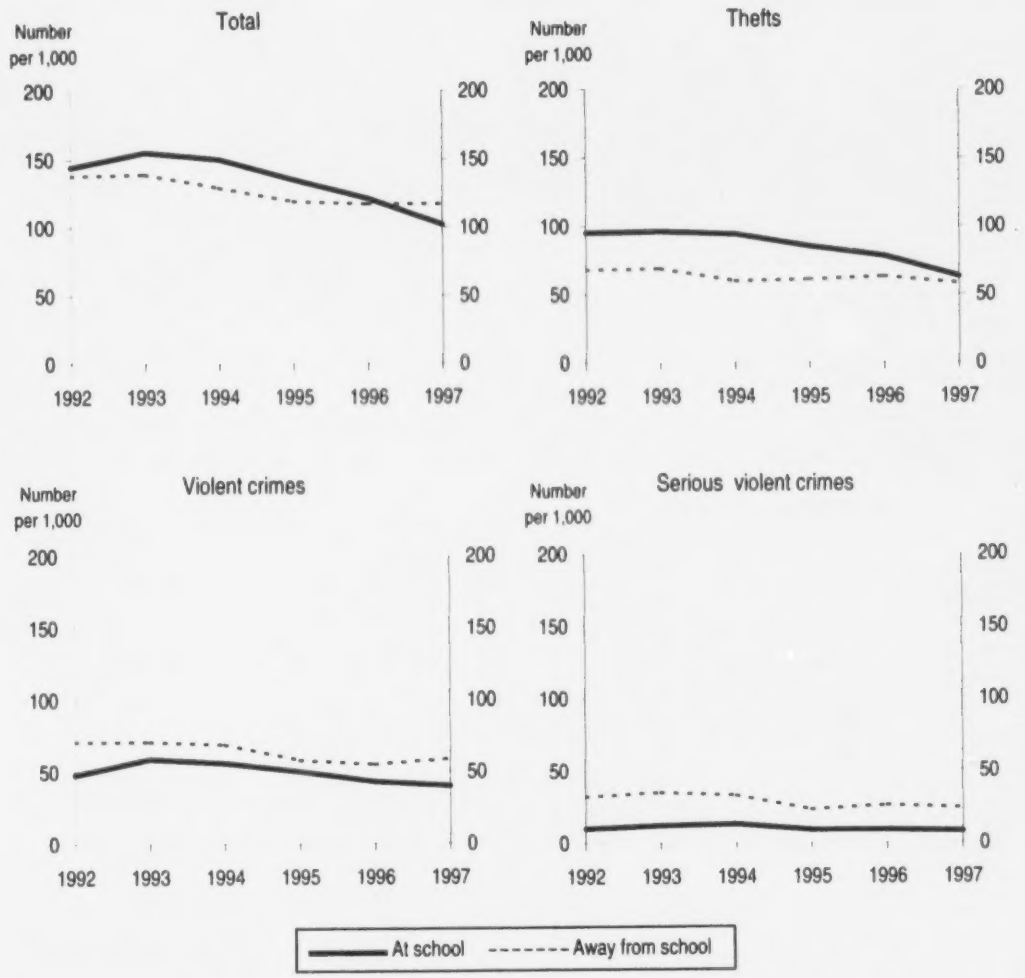
The amount of crime committed in the nation's schools continues to be a concern. However, students are exposed and vulnerable to crime when they are away from as well as at school. In fact, life away from school may be more dangerous for some students than life at school.

*The 1997 data reported here are new. The 1992 through 1996 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

- Students ages 12 through 18 experienced fewer nonfatal serious violent crimes (that is, rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault) when they were at school than away from school.[1] In 1997, students in this age group were victims of about 202,000 such crimes at school, and about 636,000 away from school (tables 1.1b and 1.3b). The victimization rate for this type of crime declined slightly at school from 1992 to 1997 and also declined away from school (figure 1.1 and tables 1.2a, b and 1.4a, b).
- Students ages 12 through 18 were victims of about 1.1 million nonfatal violent crimes (that is, serious violent crime plus simple assault) at school, and about 1.6 million away from school in 1997 (tables 1.1b and 1.3b). There was a decline in the victimization rate at school between 1993 and 1997 (from 59 to 40 per 1,000 students ages 12 through 18) (figure 1.1 and tables 1.2a, b). During this period, the victimization rates for nonfatal violent crime were generally lower at school than away from school.
- Students ages 12 through 18 were more likely to be victims of theft at school than away from school each year between 1992 and 1996 (tables 1.1a, b and 1.3a, b). However, in 1997, about the same number of thefts occurred at and away from school. In 1997, there were about 1.7 million thefts at school (61 percent of all crimes at school), and about 1.6 million thefts away from school (50 percent of all crimes away from school). The victimization rate declined slightly for thefts at school between 1992 and 1997, as it did for thefts away from school during this period (figure 1.1 and tables 1.2a, b and 1.4a, b).
- Considering all nonfatal crime (theft plus violent crime), 12- through 18-year-old students were victims of about 2.7 million crimes while they were at school in 1997, and a larger number of crimes (about 3.1 million) away from school (tables 1.1b and 1.3b). These represent victimization rates of 102 crimes per 1,000 students at school, and 117 crimes per 1,000 students away from school (tables 1.2b and 1.4b).
- In 1997, the rates for serious violent crime were higher for males than females at school, but not away from school (figures 1.2 and 1.3 and tables 1.2b and 1.4b). The rates for theft were similar for males and females at school, but higher for males than females away from school.
- In 1997, 12- through 18-year-old students living in urban or suburban areas were more vulnerable to serious violent crime at school than were students in rural areas (figure 1.2 and table 1.2b). Away from school, urban students were more vulnerable to serious violent crime than were suburban or rural students (figure 1.3 and table 1.4b). However, student vulnerability to theft at school in 1997 was similar in urban, suburban, and rural areas and similar in urban and suburban areas away from school.

[1]For this indicator, "at school" includes on school property or on the way to or from school.

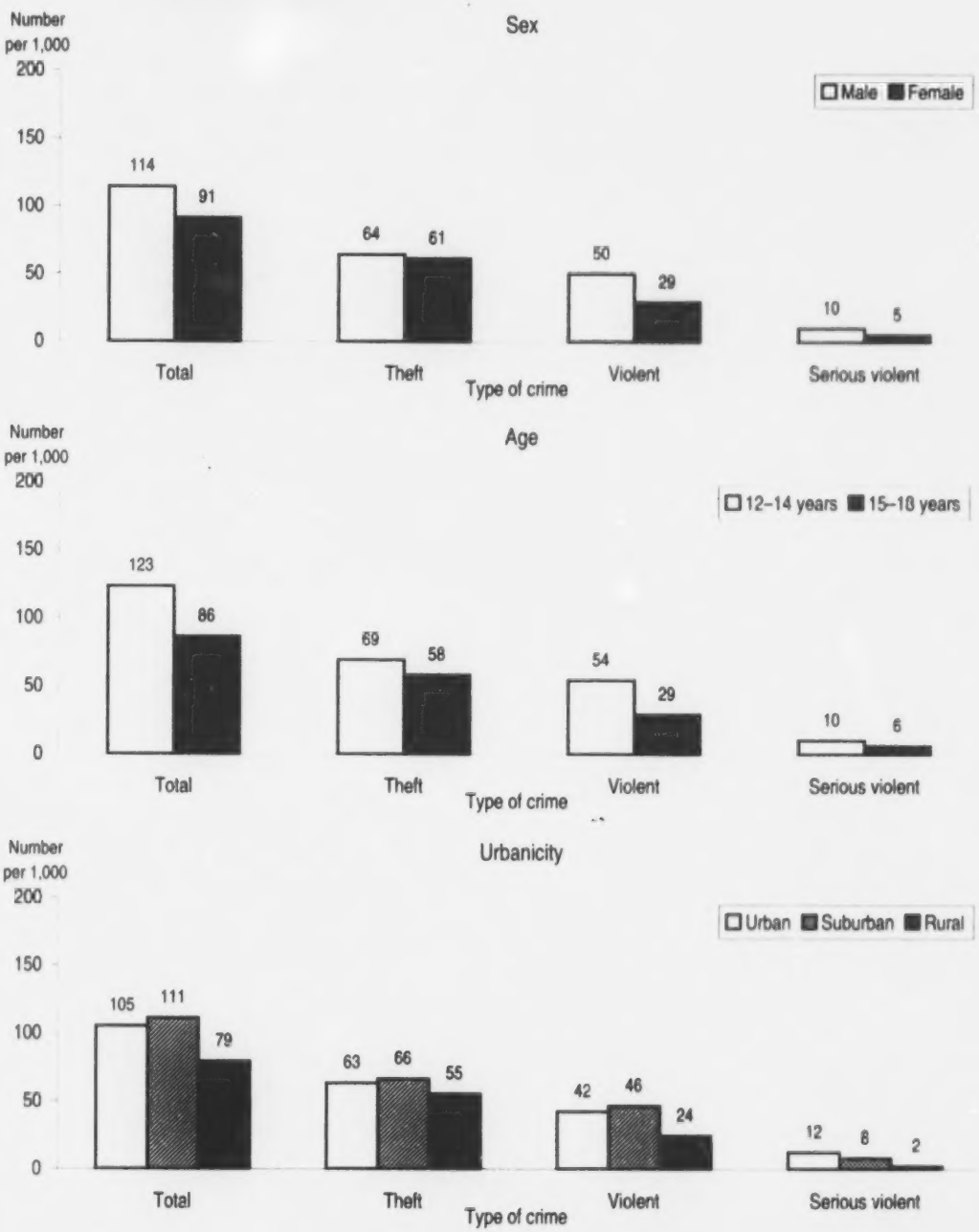
Figure 1.1.—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 per 1,000 students, by type of crime and location: 1992 to 1997



NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. "At school" includes on school property or on the way to or from school.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1997.

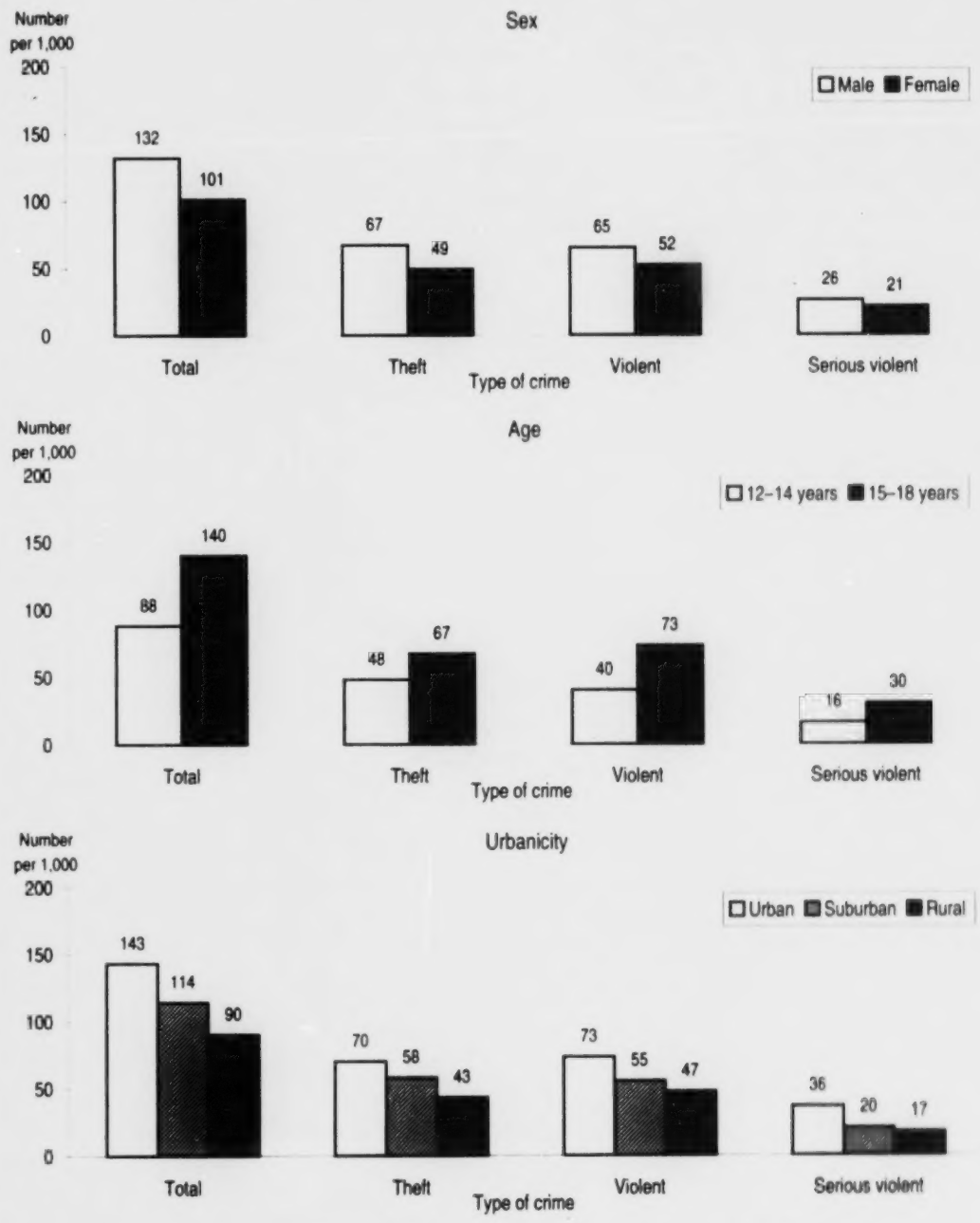
Figure 1.2.—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1997



NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Details may not sum to total due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1997.

Figure 1.3.—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1997



NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Details may not sum to total due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1997.

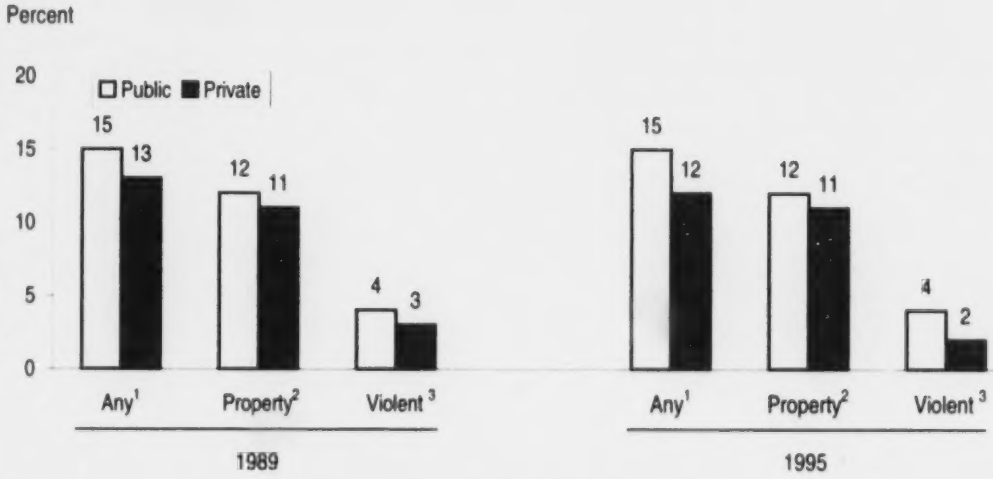
2. Prevalence of students being victimized at school*

Some of the crimes committed against students involve violence, while others involve their property. Presenting information on different types of victimization for public and private school students separately helps clarify how many students are affected and where the most serious problems are.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- In 1995, about 15 percent of students ages 12 through 19 reported being victims of a crime at school during the previous 6 months (figure 2.1 and table 2.1). Students in both public and private schools were much more likely to report theft of property (from their desks, lockers, or other location) than they were to report being the victim of a violent crime (being physically attacked or having property taken by force).
- Public school students were more likely to report having been victims of a violent crime during the previous 6 months (4 percent) than were private school students (2 percent) in 1995 (figure 2.1 and table 2.1). Public and private school students were about equally likely to report having had property stolen at school (theft) in that year (12 and 11 percent, respectively).
- Victimization was related to grade level. In 1995, students in higher grades were less likely to report being the victims of violent and property crimes than were students in lower grades (table 2.1). When considering both types of crime, there was a notable difference between students in grades 6 through 9 on the one hand and students in grades 11 and 12 on the other.

Figure 2.1.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported criminal victimization at school during the previous 6 months, by type of victimization and school control: 1989 and 1995



[1]Any victimization is a combination of reported violent and property victimization. If the student reported an incident of either, he or she is counted as having experienced any victimization. If the respondent reported having experienced both, he or she is only counted once under "Any victimization."

[2]Property victimization includes theft of property from a student's desk, locker, or other locations.

[3]Violent victimization includes physical attacks or taking property from the student directly by force, weapons, or threats.

NOTE: "At school" means in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus.

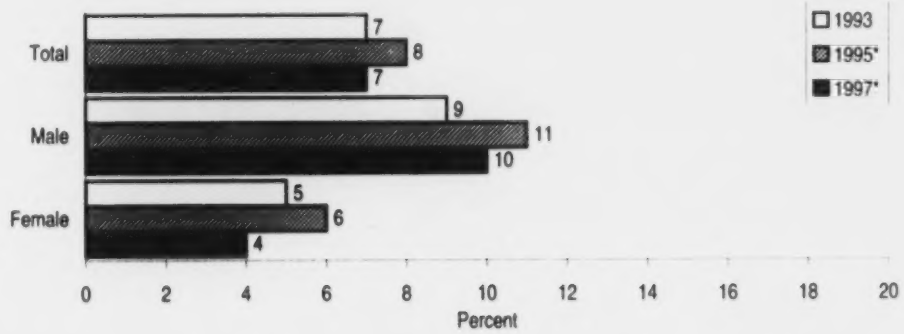
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

3. Prevalence of students being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property

Every year, some students are threatened or injured with a weapon while they are on school property. The percentages of students victimized in this way provide an important measure of how safe our schools are and how this is changing over time.

- The percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in the 12 months before the survey has remained constant in recent years. In 1993, 1995, and 1997, about 7 to 8 percent of students reported being threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property in the past 12 months (figure 3.1 and table 3.1).
- In each survey year, males were more likely than females to report being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (figure 3.1 and table 3.1). For example, in 1997, 10 percent of males reported being threatened or injured in the past year, compared with 4 percent of females. Moreover, the percentage of females who reported being threatened or injured declined slightly over the period—from about 5 percent in 1993 to 4 percent in 1997.
- Of 9th through 12th graders, those students in lower grades were more likely to be threatened or injured with a weapon on school property than were students in higher grades (figure 3.2 and table 3.1). For example, in 1993, 9 percent of 9th graders reported being threatened or injured, compared with 6 percent of 12th graders. The comparable percentages in 1997 were 10 percent for 9th graders and 6 percent for 12th graders.
- There were few racial–ethnic differences in the percentages of students being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in the 12 months in each year (figure 3.3 and table 3.1). About the same percentage of students from each racial–ethnic group reported being threatened or injured.[2]

Figure 3.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the last 12 months, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997



*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

[2]While there appear to be large differences among racial–ethnic groups, these differences are associated with large standard errors, making these estimates somewhat unreliable, and the differences are not statistically significant.

Figure 3.2.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the last 12 months, by grade: 1993, 1995, and 1997

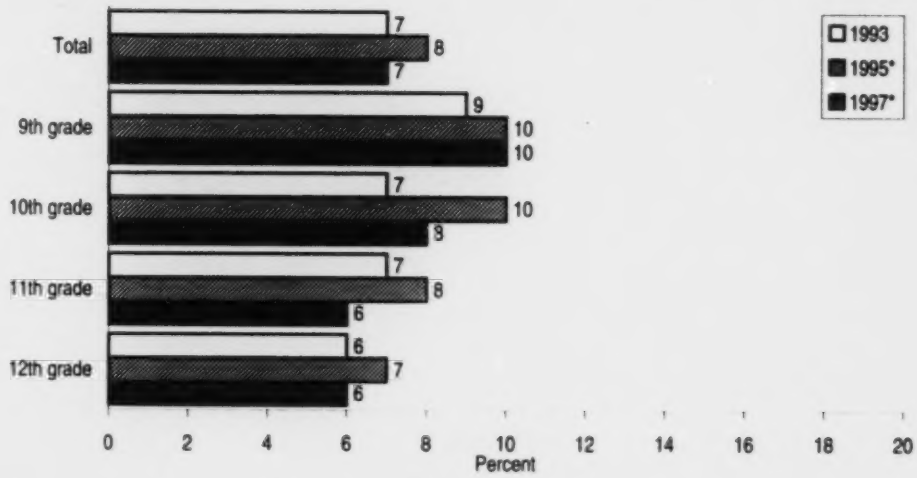


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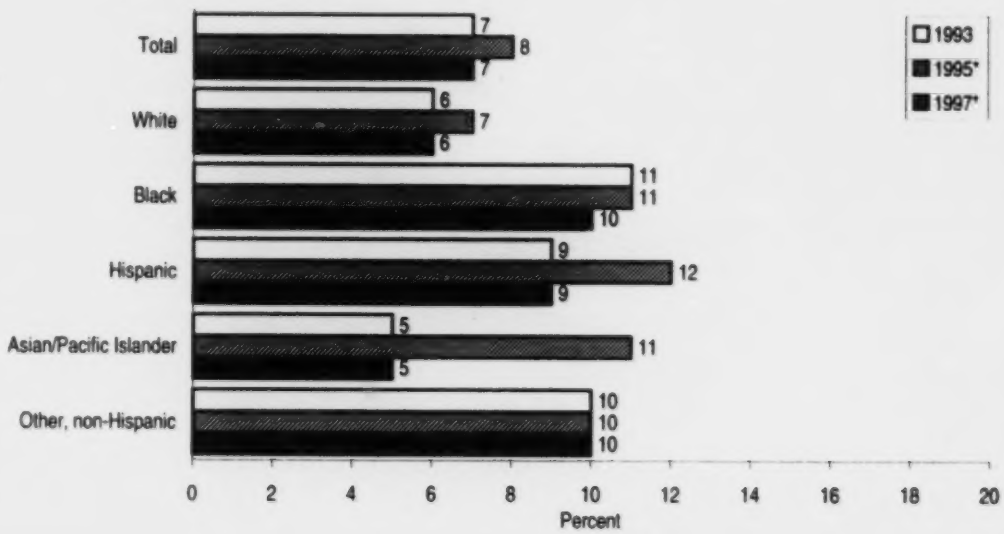
Figure 3.3.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the last 12 months, by race–ethnicity: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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4. Prevalence of students involved in physical fights on school property

Schools where there are numerous physical fights may not be able to maintain a focused learning environment. Students who are constantly involved in fights on school property cannot be ready to learn.

- In 1997, about 15 percent of all students in grades 9 through 12 said that they had been in a physical fight on school property in the last 12 months (figure 4.1 and table 4.1). In that same year, 37 percent reported that they had been in a physical fight in any location (including on school property).
- The percentage of students who reported being in a fight anywhere declined slightly from 1993 to 1997—from 42 percent in 1993 to 37 percent in 1997 (figure 4.1 and table 4.1). However, the percentages of students who reported fighting on school property across these years were similar.
- Males were more likely than females to have been in a fight anywhere and on school property (figure 4.1 and table 4.1). In 1997, 46 percent of males said they had been in a fight in the last 12 months, and 20 percent said they had been in a fight on school property. In that same year, about 26 percent of females reported they had been in a fight, and 9 percent said they had been in a fight on school property.
- Of 9th through 12th graders, those students in lower grades reported being in more fights than students in higher grades anywhere and on school property (figure 4.2 and table 4.1). For example, in 1997, 21 percent of 9th graders reported that they were in a fight on school property in the last 12 months; in contrast, 10 percent of 12th graders were in fights on school property.

Figure 4.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having been in a physical fight in the last 12 months, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997

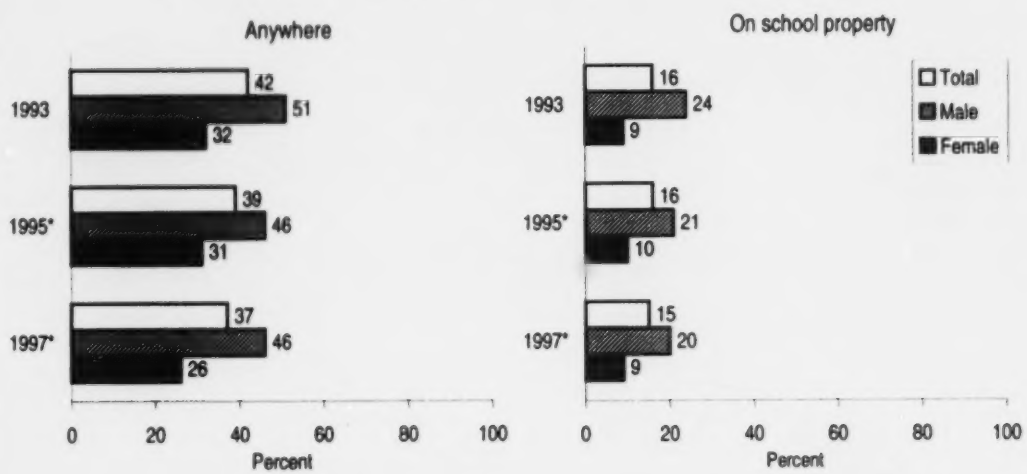

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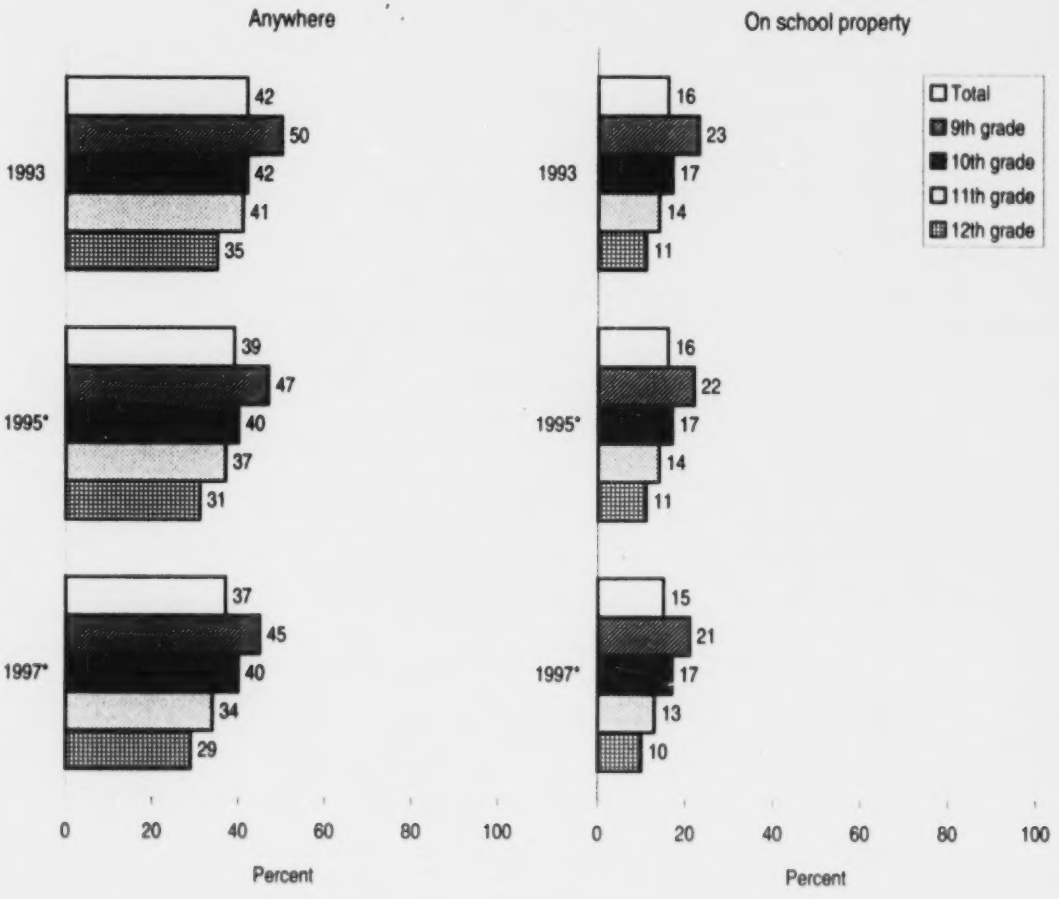
Figure 4.2.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having been in a physical fight in the last 12 months, by grade: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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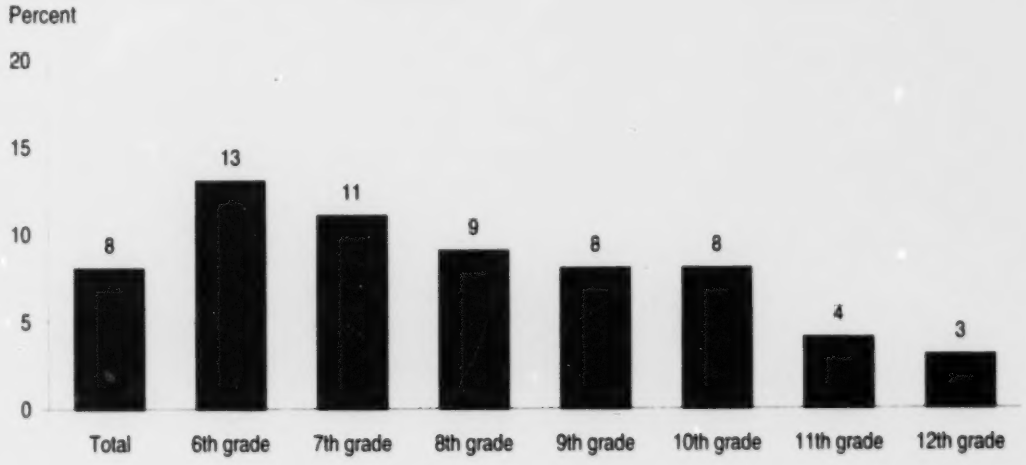
5. Prevalence of students being bullied at school*

Bullying contributes to a climate of fear and intimidation in schools. As part of a youth interview on school safety and discipline conducted in 1993, students in grades 6 through 12 were asked if they had been victims of bullying at school.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- Eight percent of all students in grades 6 through 12 reported that they had been victims of bullying at school during the 1992–93 school year (either in school, at school activities during the day, or on the way to or from school) (figure 5.1 and table 5.1).
- The incidence of bullying declined as grade level increased (figure 5.1 and table 5.1). Students in 6th grade were about four times as likely as students in 12th grade to report being bullied at school in the 1992–93 school year.
- The incidence of bullying at school was about the same (between 8 and 10 percent) in the 1992–93 school year regardless of the urbanicity of the place where the student lived (table 5.1).
- Urban males were more likely than urban females to report being victims of bullying at school (9 percent versus 6 percent) in the 1992–93 school year (table 5.1). However, this was not true of males and females in suburban areas or in rural areas.[3]

Figure 5.1.—Percentage of students in grades 6 to 12 who reported being bullied at school during the current school year: 1992–93



NOTE: Bullying was described as students picking on others a lot or making other students do things such as give them money. "At school" means in school, at school activities during the day, or on the way to or from school.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, 1993.

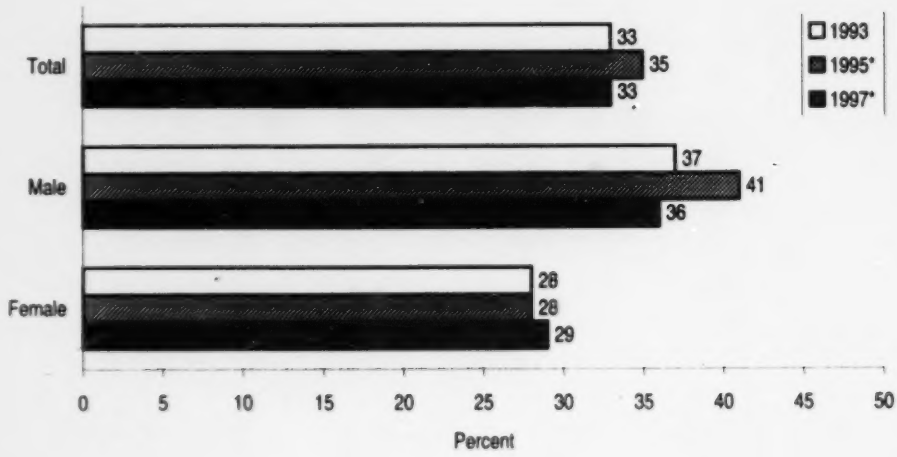
[3]See appendix C for definition of "suburban" used in NHES.

6. Prevalence of students having property stolen or deliberately damaged on school property

One way that students are victimized at school is by having their personal property stolen or deliberately damaged. While less harmful than attacks on students themselves, such crimes have financial consequences and can divert students' attention from their studies as well as contribute to perceptions of schools as unsafe places.

- It is relatively common for students to have something stolen or damaged on school property. In 1997, about one-third of all students in grades 9 through 12 said that someone stole or deliberately damaged their property, such as their car, clothing, or books, on school property during the last 12 months (figure 6.1 and table 6.1). This proportion was similar in 1993 and 1995.
- Generally, males were more likely than females to report being victims of theft or deliberate property damage on school property. In 1993, 1995, and 1997, about 28 percent of females reported being victimized, compared with 37 percent of males in 1993, 41 percent in 1995, and 36 percent in 1997 (table 6.1).
- Students in lower grades were more likely than students in higher grades to report having something stolen or deliberately damaged at school (figure 6.2 and table 6.1). For example, in 1997, 37 percent of 9th graders had something of theirs damaged or stolen, compared with 28 percent of 12th graders.

Figure 6.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having their property stolen or deliberately damaged on school property during the last 12 months, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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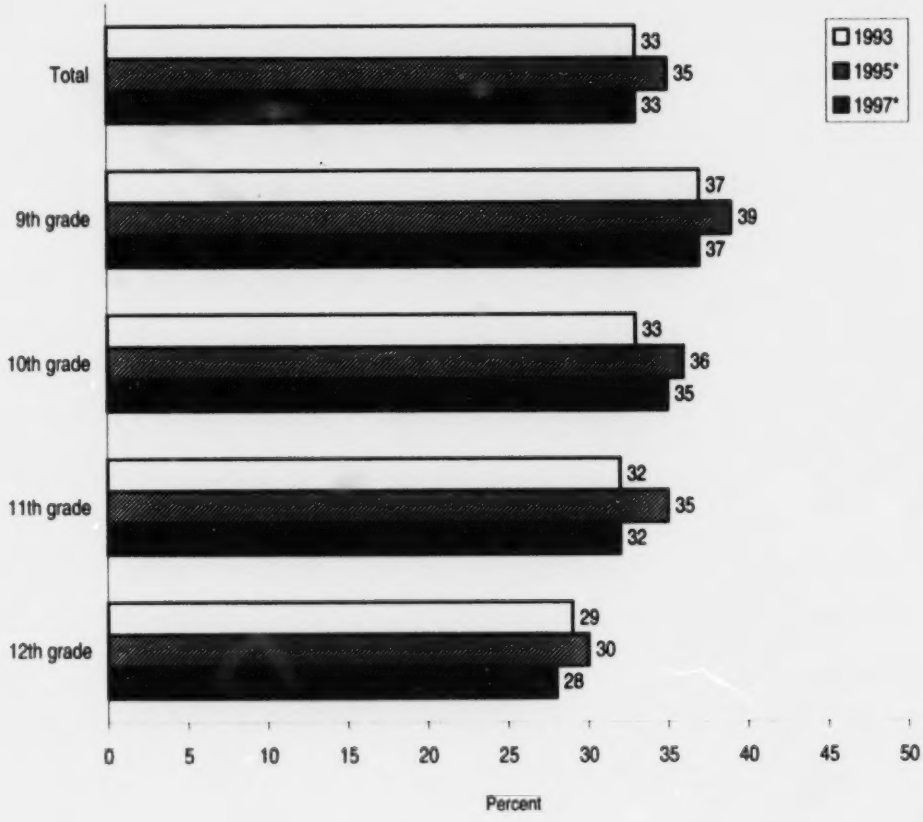

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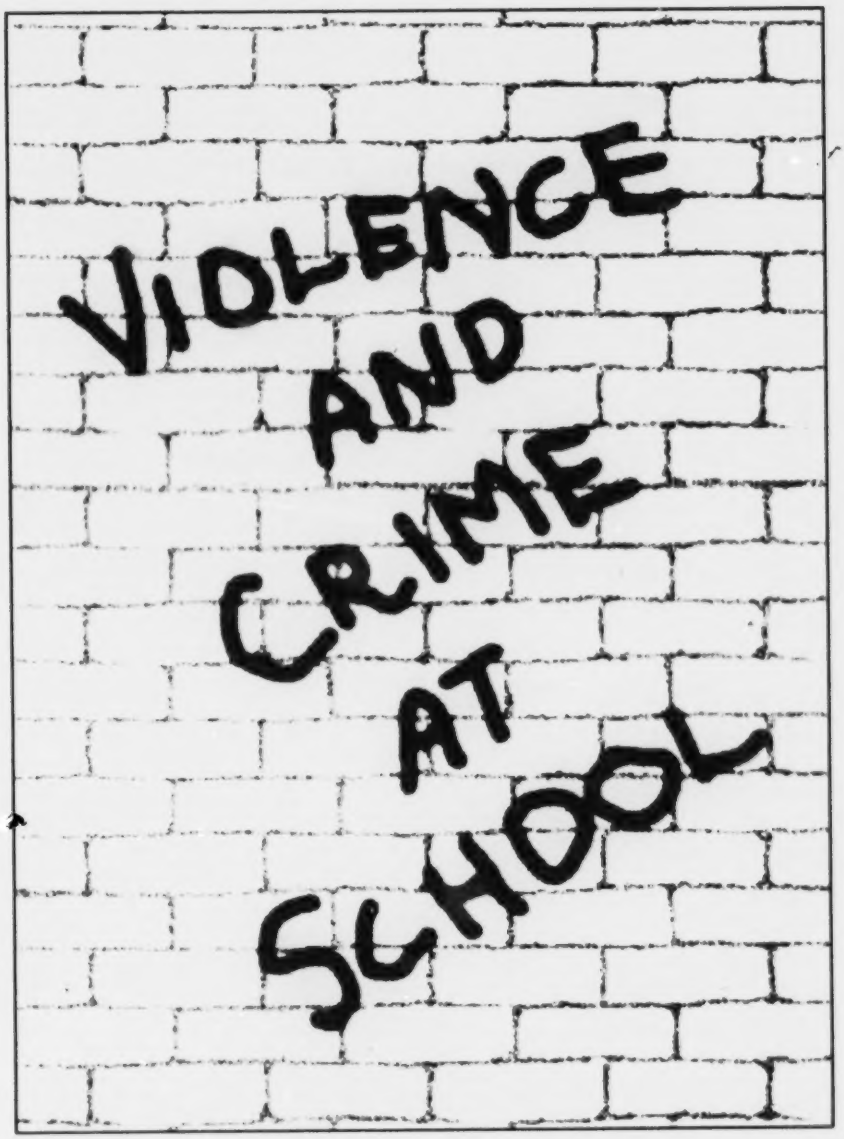


Violence and Crime at School—
Public School Principal/Disciplinarian Reports

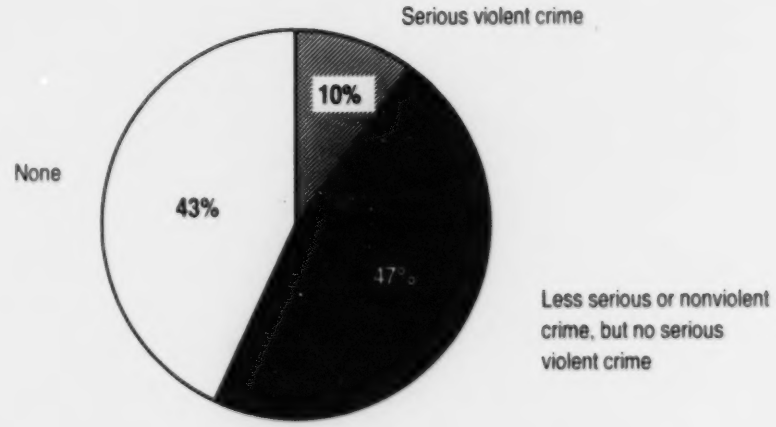
7. Crimes reported to the police*

The number of crimes that principals indicated that they reported to police or other law enforcement representatives is a useful measure of the occurrences of serious crimes in the nation's schools. The percentage of schools reporting crimes provides an indication of how widespread crime is, while the number of crimes reported provides information on the magnitude of the problem.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- In 1996–97, 10 percent of all public schools reported at least one serious violent crime to a law enforcement representative (figure 7.1 and table 7.1). Another 47 percent of public schools reported a less serious violent or nonviolent crime (but not a serious violent one). The remaining 43 percent of public schools did not report any of these crimes to the police.
- The vast majority of crimes reported by public schools were of the less serious violent or nonviolent type in 1996–97 (402,000 out of the 424,000 total crimes reported to the police) (table 7.3).
- The percentage of schools reporting crimes was similar at the middle and high school levels (figure 7.2 and table 7.1). At each level, about 20 percent of the schools reported at least one serious violent crime, and about 55 percent reported at least one less serious violent or nonviolent crime, but no serious violent crime in 1996–97.
- The numbers of reported incidents per 1,000 students were similar for middle and high schools for both serious violent and less serious violent and nonviolent crimes (figure 7.2 and table 7.4). For both types of crimes, there was a lower rate at the elementary level than at the middle or high school levels.
- The percentage of schools reporting at least one serious violent crime was much higher in cities (17 percent) than in towns (5 percent) or rural areas (8 percent) during 1996–97 (figure 7.2 and table 7.1).

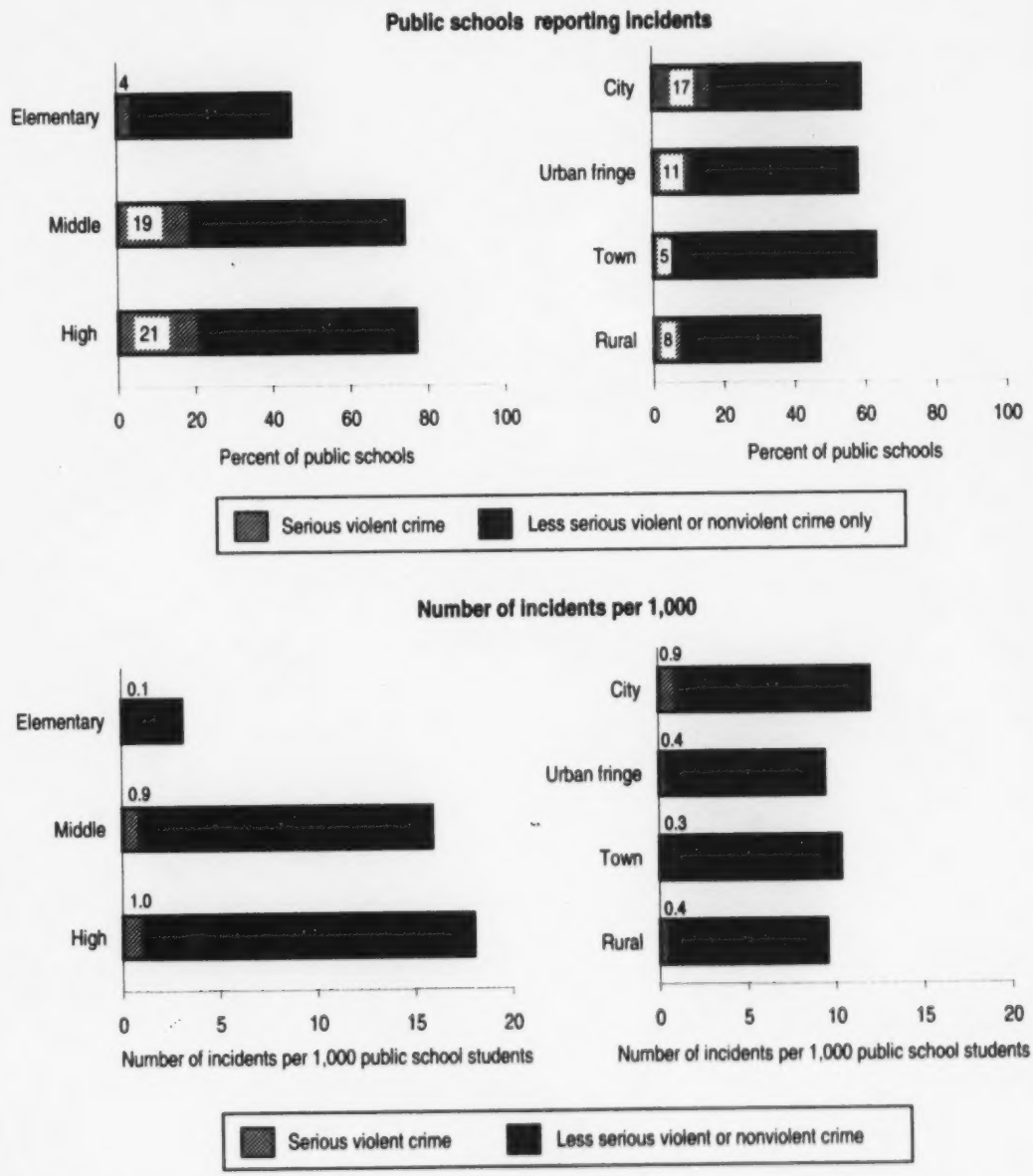
Figure 7.1.—Percentage distribution of public schools according to types of crimes reported to police: 1996–97



NOTE: Serious violent crimes include murder, rape or other type of sexual battery, suicide, physical attack or fight with a weapon, or robbery. Less serious or nonviolent crimes include physical attack or fight without a weapon, theft/larceny, and vandalism. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Figure 7.2.—Percentage of public schools that reported one or more criminal incidents to police and number of incidents reported per 1,000 students, by seriousness of crimes, instructional level, and urbanicity: 1996–97



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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

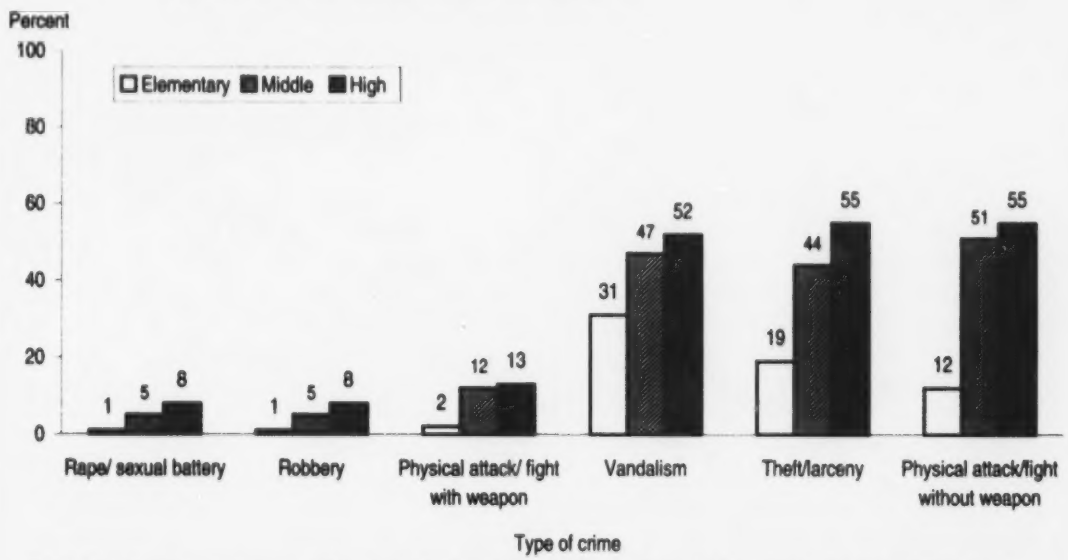
8. Specific crimes reported to the police*

Data on the prevalence of specific types of crimes add detail to the more general discussion of serious violent crimes and less serious violent and nonviolent crimes. Each type of crime affects students and schools differently.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- About one-half (44 to 55 percent) of all public middle and high schools reported incidents of vandalism, theft or larceny, and physical attacks or fights without weapons to the police or other law enforcement representatives in the 1996–97 school year (figure 8.1 and table 8.2). Considerably smaller percentages of public middle and high schools reported the more serious violent crimes of rape or other type of sexual battery (5 and 8 percent, respectively); robbery (5 and 8 percent); or physical attack or fight with a weapon (12 and 13 percent) (table 8.1).
- Elementary schools were much less likely than either middle or high schools to report any of the types of crime described here in 1996–97 (figure 8.1 and tables 8.1 and 8.2). They were much more likely to report vandalism (31 percent) than any other crime (19 percent or less).
- In 1996–97, physical attack or fight without a weapon was generally the most commonly reported crime at the middle and high school levels (9 and 8 per 1,000 public school students, respectively) (figure 8.2 and table 8.8). Theft or larceny was more common at the high school than the middle school level (6 versus 4 per 1,000 students).
- Overall, there was relatively little variation by urbanicity in the crime rates at school discussed here during the 1996–97 school year (as measured by the number of crimes reported per 1,000 public school students) (figure 8.2 and tables 8.7 and 8.8).

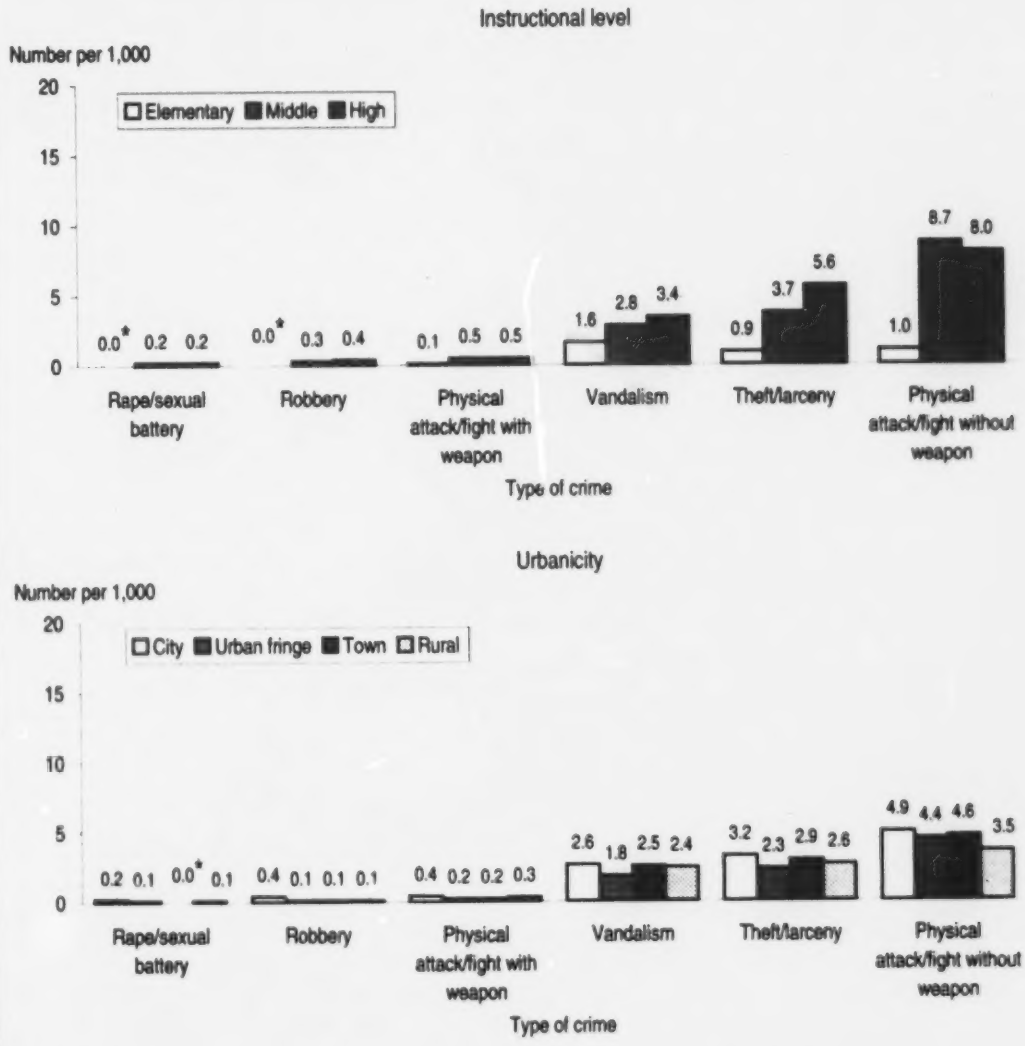
Figure 8.1.—Percentage of public schools that reported one or more criminal incidents to police, by type of crime and instructional level: 1996–97



NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Figure 8.2.—Number of crimes per 1,000 public school students, by type of crime, instructional level, and urbanicity: 1996–97



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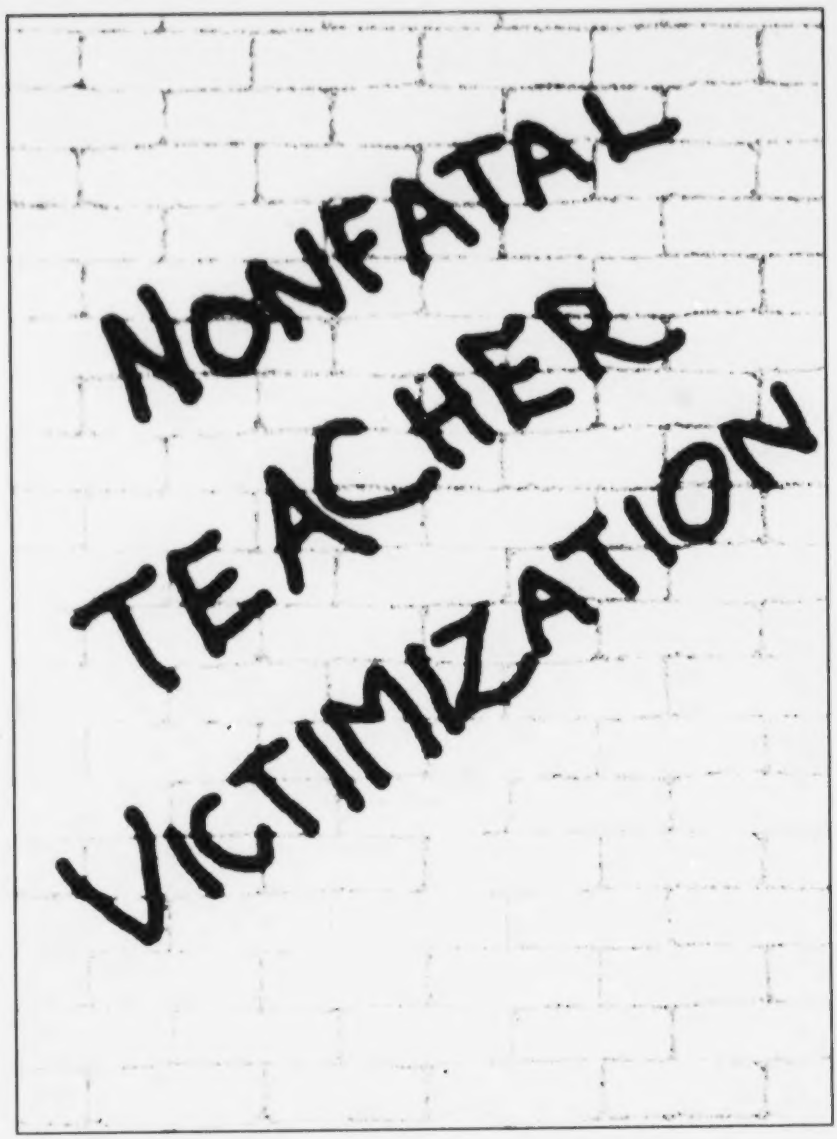


**Nonfatal Teacher Victimization at School—
Teacher Reports**

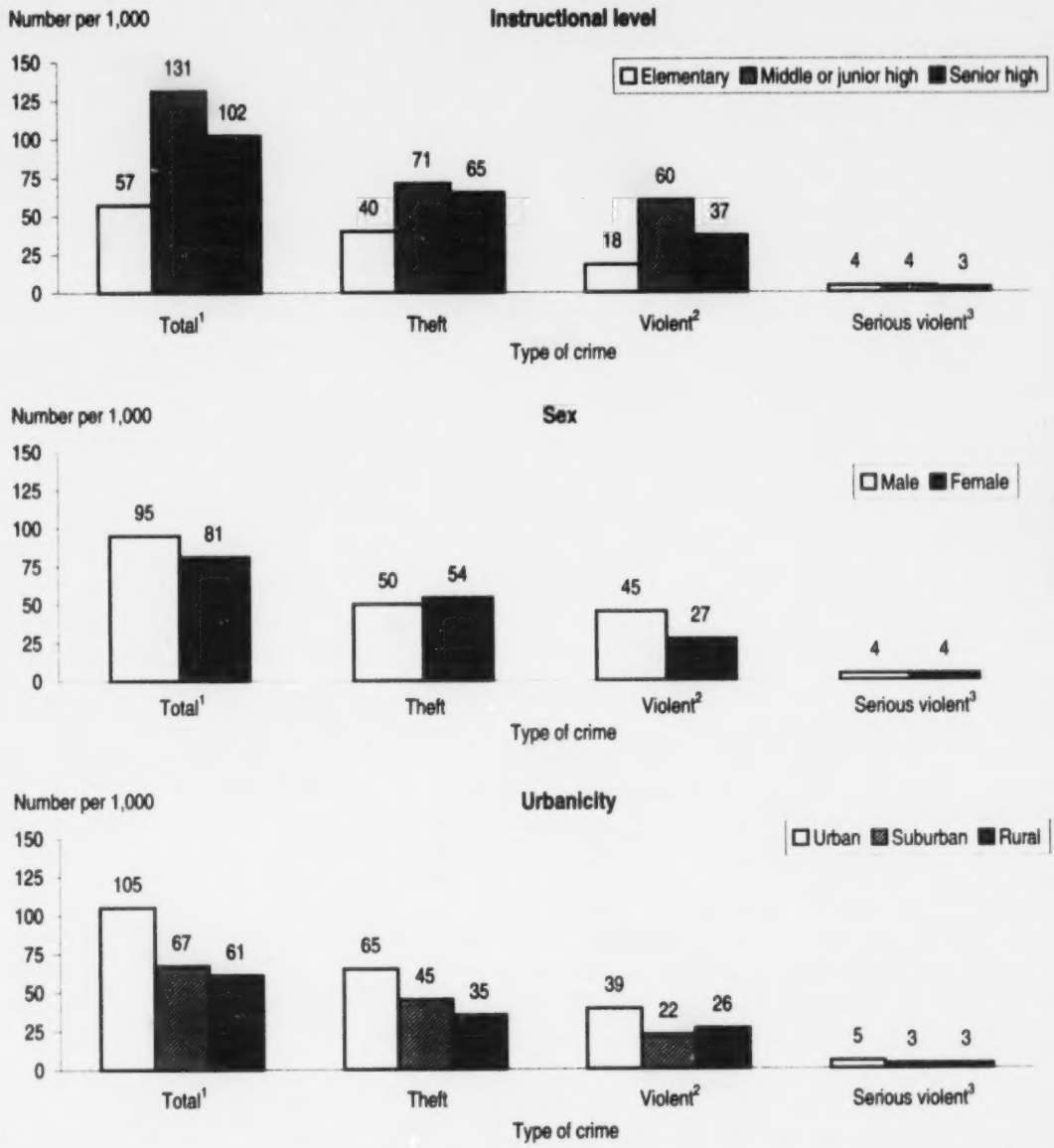
9. Nonfatal teacher victimization at school

Students are not the only ones who are victims of crime at school. Teachers in school are also the targets of violence. In addition to the personal toll such violence takes on teachers, those who worry about their safety may have difficulty teaching and may leave the profession altogether. Information on the number of crimes against teachers at school can help show how severe and widespread the problem is.

- Over the 5-year period from 1993 to 1997, teachers were the victims of approximately 1,771,000 nonfatal crimes at school,[4] including 1,114,000 thefts and 657,000 violent crimes (rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault) (table 9.1). On average, this translates into 354,000 nonfatal crimes per year, or 84 crimes per 1,000 teachers per year. Among the violent crimes against teachers during this 5-year period, there were about 78,000 serious violent crimes (12 percent of the violent crimes), including rape or sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. On average, this translates into 16,000 serious violent crimes per year.
- During the 1993–97 period, the rate of serious violent crime at school was similar for teachers (on average, 4 per 1,000 teachers), regardless of their instructional level, sex, race–ethnicity, and the urbanicity of the schools where they taught (figure 9.1 and table 9.1).
- In the period from 1993 to 1997, middle/junior high school teachers were more likely to be victims of violent crimes (most of which were simple assaults) than senior high school teachers, who, in turn, were more likely to be victims of violent crime than elementary school teachers (60 versus 37 and 37 versus 18 crimes per 1,000 teachers) (figure 9.1 and table 9.1).
- During the 1993–97 period, senior high and middle/junior high school teachers were more likely to be targets of theft than elementary school teachers (65 and 71, respectively, versus 40 per 1,000 teachers) (figure 9.1 and table 9.1).
- The violent crime rate among teachers at school varied by sex. Over the 5-year period from 1993 to 1997, male teachers were more likely to be victims of violent crimes than female teachers (45 versus 27 crimes per 1,000 teachers) (figure 9.1 and table 9.1). However, males and females were equally likely to be victims of serious violent crime (4 per 1,000 teachers).
- Teachers were differentially victimized by crimes at school according to where they taught. For example, over the 5-year period from 1993 to 1997, urban teachers were more likely to be victims of violent crimes than suburban teachers (39 versus 22 crimes per 1,000 teachers). Urban teachers were also more likely to experience theft (65 per 1,000 teachers) than rural teachers (35 per 1,000 teachers, respectively) (figure 9.1 and table 9.1).

[4]See appendices B and C for the revised definition of "at school" for teachers.

Figure 9.1.—Number of nonfatal crimes against teachers at school per 1,000 teachers, by type of crime and selected teacher characteristics: Aggregated from 1993 to 1997



[1]Total crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, and theft.

[2]Violent crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.

[3]Serious violent crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault, which are included in violent crime.

NOTE: The data were aggregated from 1993 to 1997 due to the small number of teachers in each year's sample. Details may not sum to total due to rounding. "At school" does not include going to and from school. See the NCVS section in appendix B for more details.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993 to 1997.

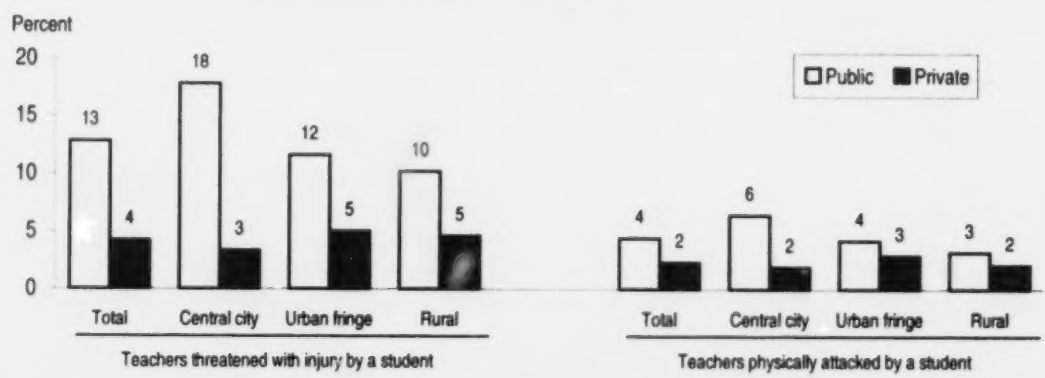
10. Prevalence of teachers being threatened with injury or attacked by students*

Some of the offenses against teachers are committed by students. Data on physical attacks and threats against elementary and secondary teachers by students can provide a snapshot of the prevalence of this problem.

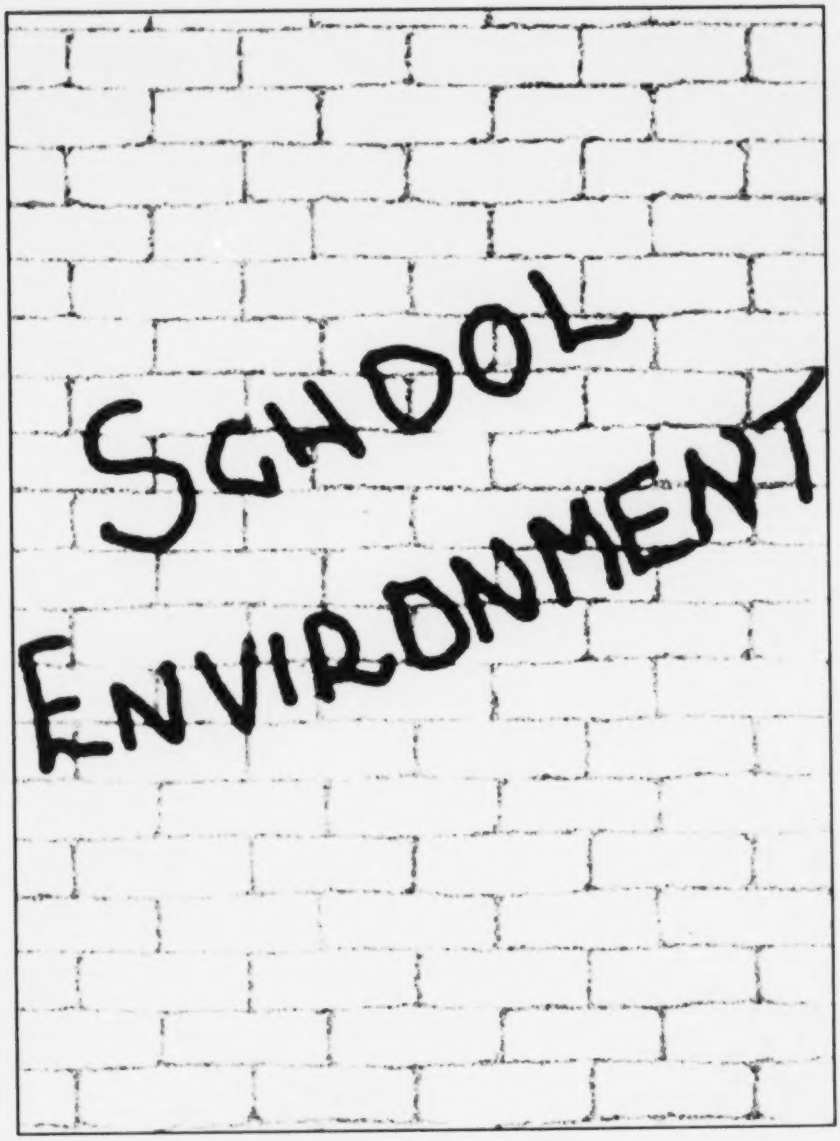
*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- In the 1993–94 school year, 12 percent of all elementary and secondary school teachers (341,000) were threatened with injury by a student from their school, and 4 percent (119,000) were physically attacked by a student (table 10.1).
- Teachers in central city schools were more likely to be victims than were teachers in urban fringe or rural schools in 1993–94 (table 10.1). About 15 percent of teachers in central city schools had been threatened with injury by students, compared with 11 and 10 percent of teachers in urban fringe and rural schools. About 6 percent of teachers in central city schools had been attacked by students, compared with 4 and 3 percent of teachers in urban fringe and rural schools.
- Public school teachers were more likely than private school teachers to be victimized by students in school in 1993–94 (figure 10.1 and table 10.1). Almost 13 percent of public school teachers had been threatened with injury by students, compared with 4 percent of private school teachers, and 4 percent of public school teachers had been physically attacked by students, compared with 2 percent of private school teachers. Teachers in public central city schools were about five times more likely to be targets of threats of injury and about three times more likely to be targets of attacks than their colleagues in private central city schools.
- In 1993–94, secondary school teachers were more likely than elementary school teachers to have been threatened with injury by a student from their school (15 percent versus 9 percent) (table 10.1). However, elementary school teachers were more likely than secondary school teachers to have been physically attacked by a student (5 percent versus 3 percent). The prevalence of teacher victimization by students did not vary according to the racial–ethnic backgrounds of teachers.

Figure 10.1.—Percentage of teachers who reported that they were threatened with injury or that they were physically attacked by a student from school during the past 12 months, by urbanicity and control: 1993–94 school year



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey, 1993–94 (Teacher and School Questionnaires).



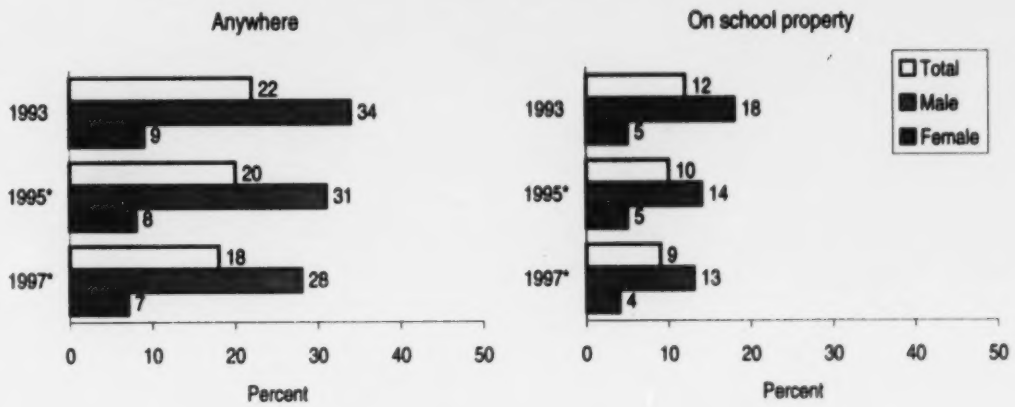
School Environment

11. Prevalence of students carrying weapons on school property

The presence of weapons at school can create an intimidating and threatening atmosphere, making teaching and learning difficult. The percentages of students who report that they carry a gun or other weapon on school property is an indicator of how widespread the problem of weapons at school is.

- In 1997, 18 percent of students reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club at any time in the past 30 days. About 9 percent reported they had carried a weapon on school property in the past 30 days (figures 11.1 and 11.2 and tables 11.1 and 11.2).
- Between 1993 and 1997, the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon on school property at least 1 day within 30 days before the survey fell from 12 percent to 9 percent (a 25 percent reduction) (figure 11.1 and table 11.1).
- There was also a decline in the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who carried a weapon at any time during the past 30 days—from 22 percent in 1993 to 18 percent in 1997 (figure 11.2 and table 11.2).
- Males were about three times more likely than females to carry a weapon on school property. For example, in 1997, 13 percent of males carried a weapon on school property, compared with 4 percent of females (figure 11.1 and table 11.1).
- Students in lower grades were more likely to have carried a weapon anywhere in the previous 30 days than were students in higher grades (figure 11.2 and table 11.2). For example, in 1997, 23 percent of 9th graders had carried a weapon compared with 15 percent of 12th graders.
- Generally, students in lower grades were no more likely to carry a weapon to school than other students (figure 11.2 and table 11.1). The one exception to this general trend was in 1995, in which 12th graders were less likely to carry a weapon to school than were 10th or 9th grade students.

Figure 11.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon at least 1 day in the past 30 days, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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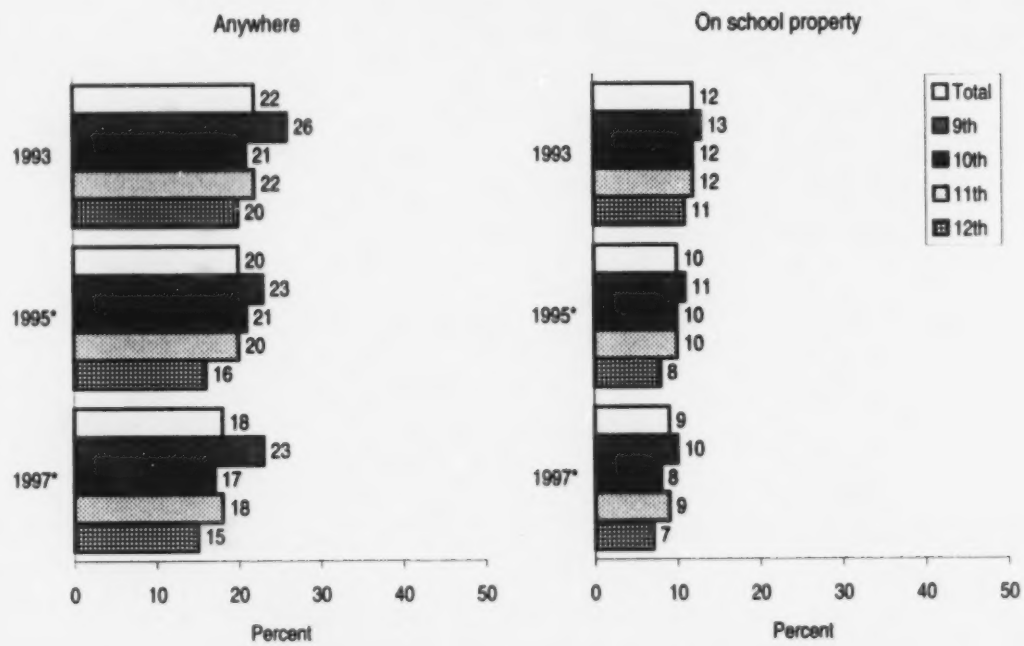
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Figure 11.2.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon at least 1 day in the past 30 days, by grade: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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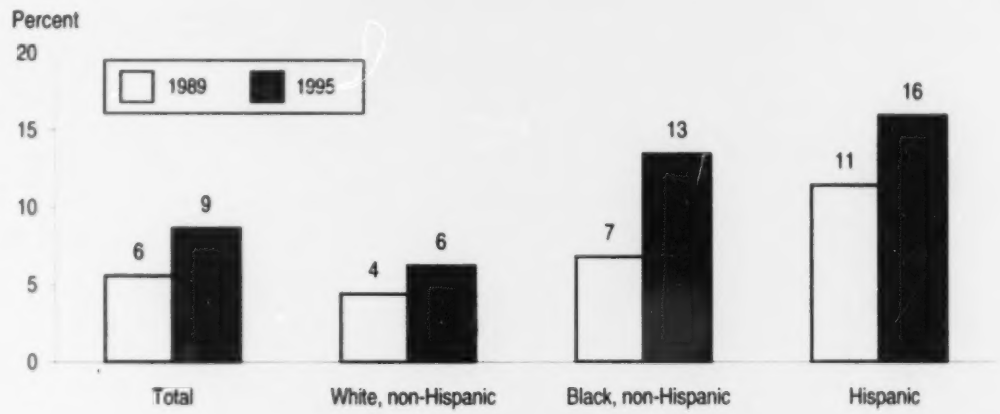
12. Students' perceptions of personal safety at school and when traveling to and from school*

One consequence of school violence is the fear that it can instill in students. Students who fear for their own safety may not be able or ready to learn. Concerns about vulnerability to attacks by others at school and on the way to and from school may also have a detrimental effect on the school environment and learning.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- Between 1989 and 1995, there were increases in the percentages of students feeling unsafe while they were at school and while they were going to and from school (figures 12.1 and 12.2 and table 12.1). In 1989, 6 percent of students ages 12 through 19 sometimes or most of the time feared they were going to be attacked or harmed at school, while in 1995 this percentage rose to 9 percent. Between these years, the percentage of students fearing they would be attacked while traveling to and from school rose from 4 percent to 7 percent.
- In 1989 and 1995, larger percentages of black and Hispanic students than white students feared attacks at school and when traveling to and from school (figures 12.1 and 12.2 and table 12.1).
- Much of the increase between 1989 and 1995 in the percentage of students ages 12 through 19 fearing for their own safety at school came from an increase in the percentage of black students who did so (figure 12.1 and table 12.1). In 1995, this percentage was 13 percent, nearly double the percentage in 1989 (7 percent).
- Examining student perceptions by location indicates that there was a large increase between 1989 and 1995 in the percentage of suburban black students who feared being attacked when traveling to and from school (figure 12.3 and table 12.1). The percentage of suburban black students ages 12 through 19 fearing attacks increased almost threefold—from 6 percent to 16 percent.

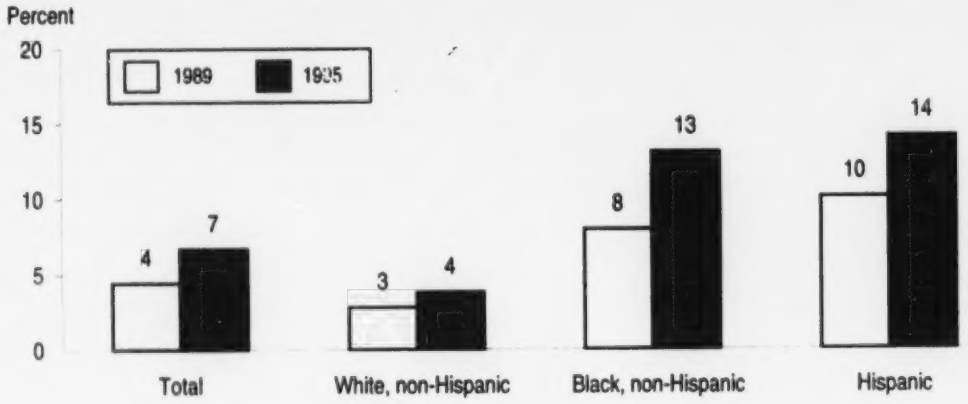
Figure 12.1.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported fearing being attacked or harmed at school, by race–ethnicity: 1989 and 1995



NOTE: Includes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way. "At school" means in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

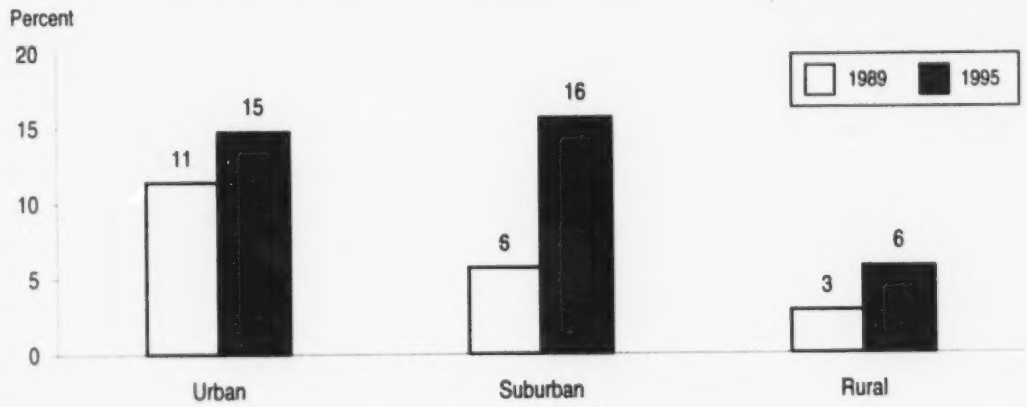
Figure 12.2.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported fearing being attacked or harmed on the way to and from school, by race–ethnicity: 1989 and 1995



NOTE: Includes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Figure 12.3.—Percentage of black, non-Hispanic students ages 12 through 19 who reported fearing being attacked or harmed on the way to and from school, by urbanicity: 1989 and 1995



NOTE: Includes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

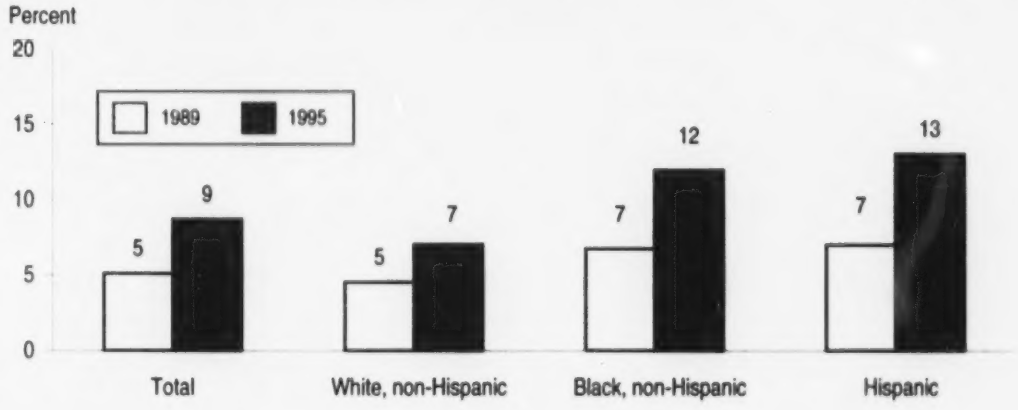
13. Students' reports of avoiding places at school*

One consequence of crime at school is that students begin to perceive specific areas at school as unsafe. In order to try to ensure their own safety, they begin to avoid these areas. Changes in the percentage of students avoiding areas at school may be a good barometer of how safe schools are—at least in the minds of those who attend these schools.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- Between 1989 and 1995, there was an increase in the percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who avoided one or more places at school—from 5 percent in 1989 to 9 percent in 1995 (figure 13.1 and table 13.1). This percentage represented 2.1 million students in 1995 who reported avoiding some areas at school for fear of their own safety.
- The percentage of black students avoiding specific areas at school rose from 7 percent in 1989 to 12 percent in 1995, and for Hispanic students it rose from 7 percent in 1989 to 13 percent in 1995 (figure 13.1 and table 13.1). The percentage of white students avoiding areas at school rose from 5 percent to 7 percent.
- In suburban areas in 1989, there were no significant differences in the percentages of white, black, and Hispanic students who avoided one or more places at school (figure 13.2 and table 13.1). However, in 1995, black and Hispanic students in suburban areas were much more likely than suburban white students to stay away from some places at school.

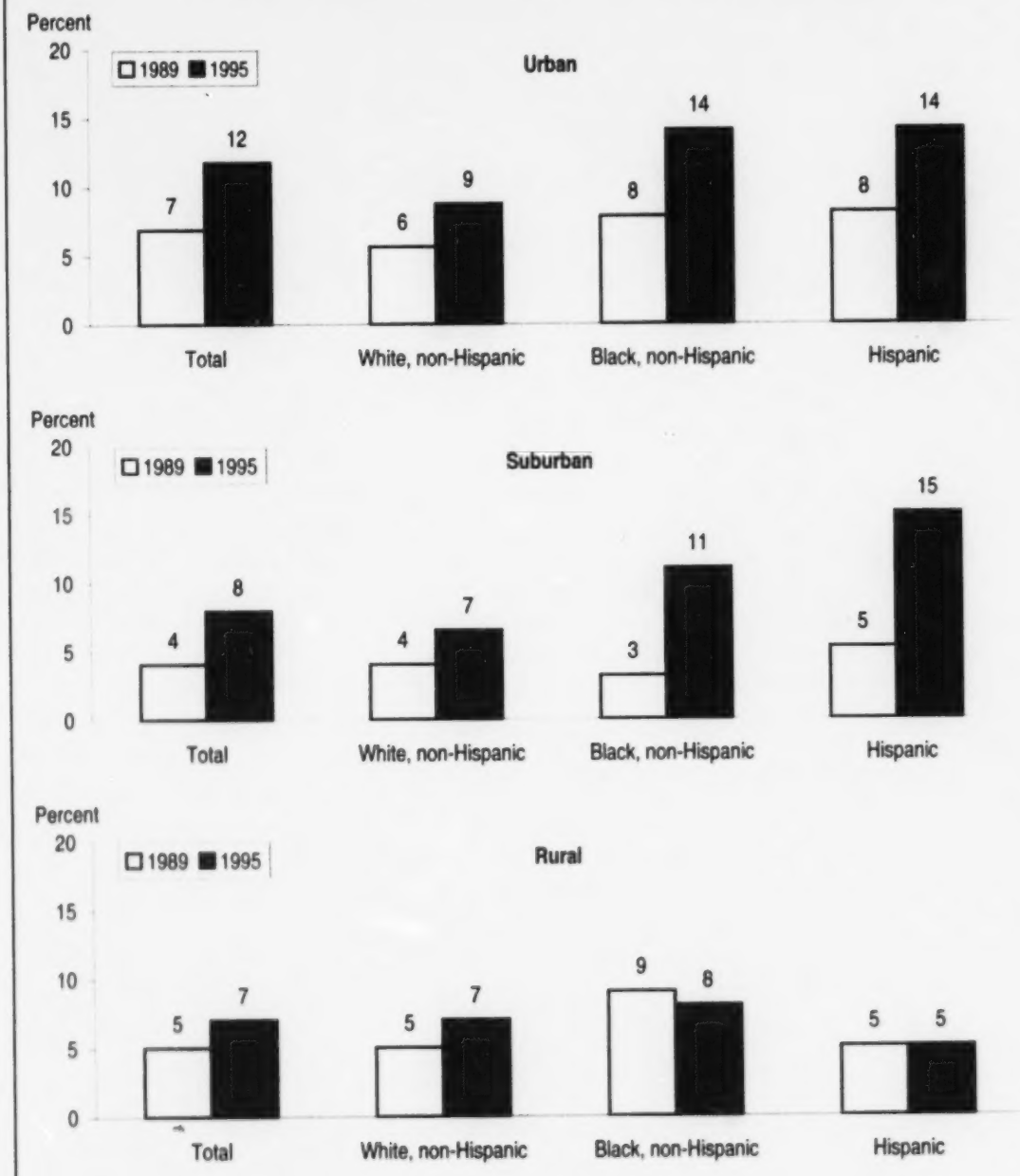
Figure 13.1.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that they avoided one or more places in school, by race–ethnicity: 1989 and 1995



NOTE: Places include the entrance into the school, any hallways or stairs in the school, parts of the school cafeteria, any school restrooms, and other places inside the school building.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Figure 13.2.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that they avoided one or more places in school, by urbanicity and race–ethnicity: 1989 and 1995



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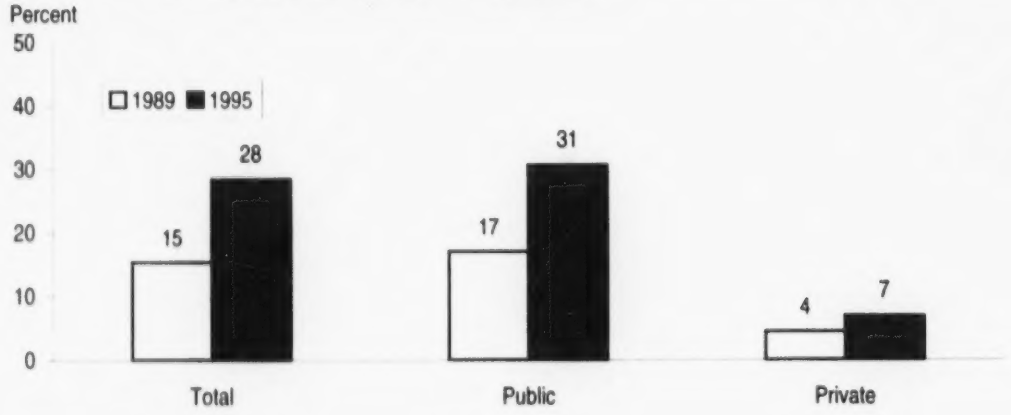
14. Students' reports of gangs at school*

Gangs are organized groups that are often involved in drugs, weapons trafficking, and criminal activities. The presence of gangs in school can be very disruptive to the school environment. Gangs may not only create fear among students but also increase the level of violence in school. The percentage of students who report the presence of street gangs in their schools indicates the existence and severity of the gang problem in schools.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- Between 1989 and 1995, the percentage of students who reported that street gangs were present at their schools increased (figure 14.1 and table 14.1). In 1989, 15 percent of students reported gangs being present in their schools. By 1995, this percentage had risen to 28 percent.
- Gangs were more likely to exist in public schools than in private schools (figure 14.1 and table 14.1). In 1989, 17 percent of students in public schools reported that street gangs were present in their schools compared with 4 percent in private schools. Similar results were reported in 1995. However, between these two years, the percentage of public school students reporting that gangs were present in their schools almost doubled (from 17 percent in 1989 to 31 percent in 1995) as has the percentage of private school students reporting gang presence (from 4 percent to 7 percent).
- In 1995, urban students were more likely to report that there were street gangs at their schools (41 percent) than were suburban students (26 percent) or rural students (20 percent) (figure 14.2 and table 14.1). Similar results occurred in 1989. Between 1989 and 1995, reports of gang presence increased in all three categories of students' place of residence.
- In both years, black students were more likely than white students to report the existence of street gangs in their schools, and Hispanic students were more likely than either white or black students to do so (table 14.1). Between 1989 and 1995, reports of gang presence increased for whites, blacks, and Hispanics.

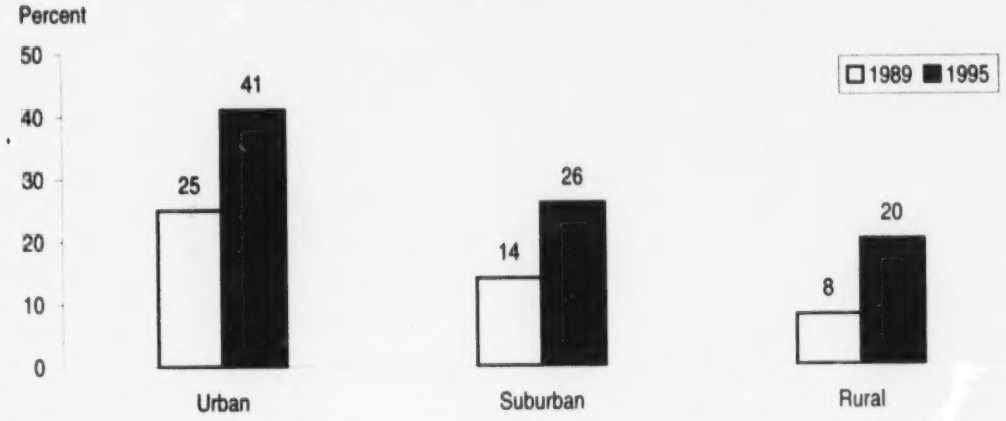
Figure 14.1.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that street gangs were present at school, by control of school: 1989 and 1995



NOTE: "At school" was not defined for the survey respondent.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Figure 14.2.—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that street gangs were present at school, by urbanicity: 1989 and 1995



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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

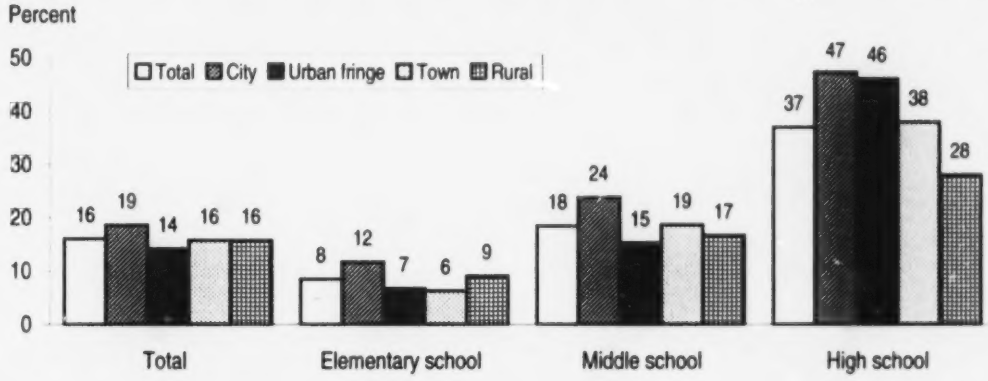
15. Public school principals' reports of discipline problems at school*

Discipline problems in a school may contribute to an overall climate in which violence may occur. Schools that suffer from student drug or alcohol use, racial tensions, or verbal and physical abuse of teachers may be filled with pressures that result in school violence.

*This indicator repeats information from the 1998 School Crime Report.

- During the 1996–97 school year, 16 percent of all public school principals reported that one or more discipline issues had been a serious problem in their school[5] (figure 15.1 and table 15.1). About the same percentage of principals in city, urban fringe, town, and rural settings reported one or more serious discipline problems.
- Public elementary schools were the least likely to report any serious discipline issues, followed by middle schools and then high schools (figure 15.1 and table 15.1). About 8 percent of elementary school principals reported one or more of these issues as a serious problem, while 18 percent of principals in middle schools and 37 percent of those in high schools did so.
- While overall there were no significant differences in reported serious problems by urbanicity, a greater percentage of principals in public city high schools than in rural high schools reported having serious discipline problems—47 percent compared with 28 percent (figure 15.1 and table 15.1).

Figure 15.1.—Percentage of public schools that reported that 1 or more of 17 discipline issues* was a serious problem in their school, by instructional level and urbanicity: 1996–97



*Student tardiness, student absenteeism/class cutting, physical conflicts among students, robbery or theft of items worth over $10, vandalism of school property, student alcohol use, student drug use, sale of drugs on school grounds, student tobacco use, student possession of weapons, trespassing, verbal abuse of teachers, physical abuse of teachers, teacher absenteeism, teacher alcohol or drug use, racial tensions, and gangs.

NOTE: "At school" was not defined for the survey respondent.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

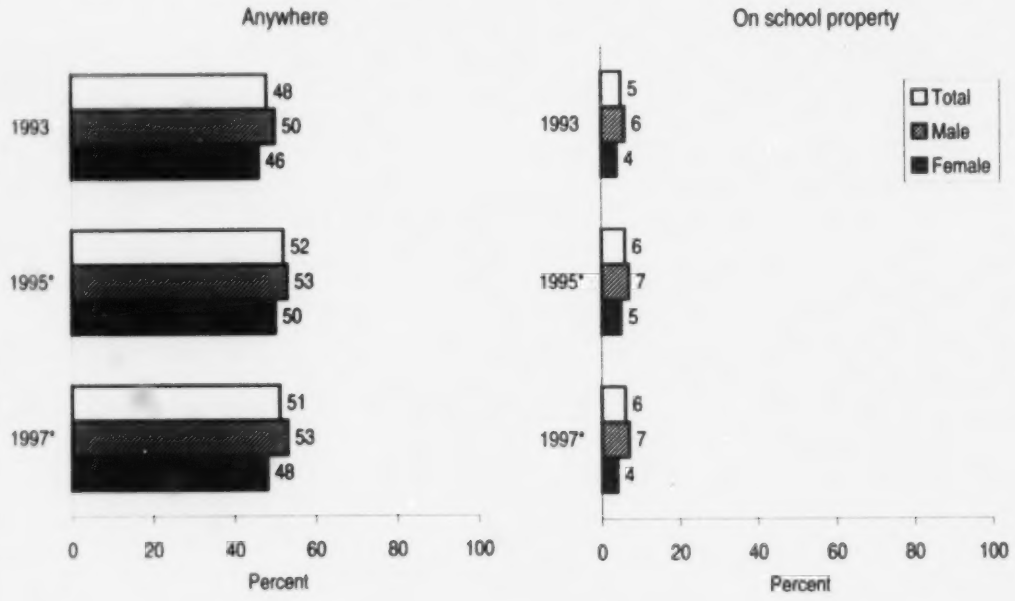
[5]These issues were student tardiness, student absenteeism/class cutting, physical conflicts among students, robbery or theft of items worth over $10, vandalism of school property, student alcohol use, student drug use, sale of drugs on school grounds, student tobacco use, student possession of weapons, trespassing, verbal abuse of teachers, physical abuse of teachers, teacher absenteeism, teacher alcohol or drug use, racial tensions, and gangs.

16. Prevalence of students using alcohol

The consumption of alcohol by students on school property, a crime in itself, may also lead to other crimes and misbehavior. It can lead to a school environment that is harmful to students, teachers, and staff.

- In 1997, 51 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 had at least one drink of alcohol in the 30 days before being surveyed (figure 16.1 and table 16.1). A much smaller percentage (6 percent) had at least one drink on school property during the same period.
- Approximately the same percentage of students had drunk alcohol in 1997 as in 1993 and 1995—both in general and on school property.
- Males were more likely than females to have used alcohol in 1993 and 1997 (figure 16.1 and table 16.1). Furthermore, males were more likely than females to use alcohol on school property. For example, in 1997, 7 percent of males had used alcohol on school property compared with 4 percent of females.
- Of 9th through 12th graders, in every survey year, students in higher grades were more likely to report drinking alcohol anywhere than were students in lower grades (figure 16.2 and table 16.1). However, there were no differences by grade among students who said they had drunk alcohol on school property during 1993, 1995, or 1997.

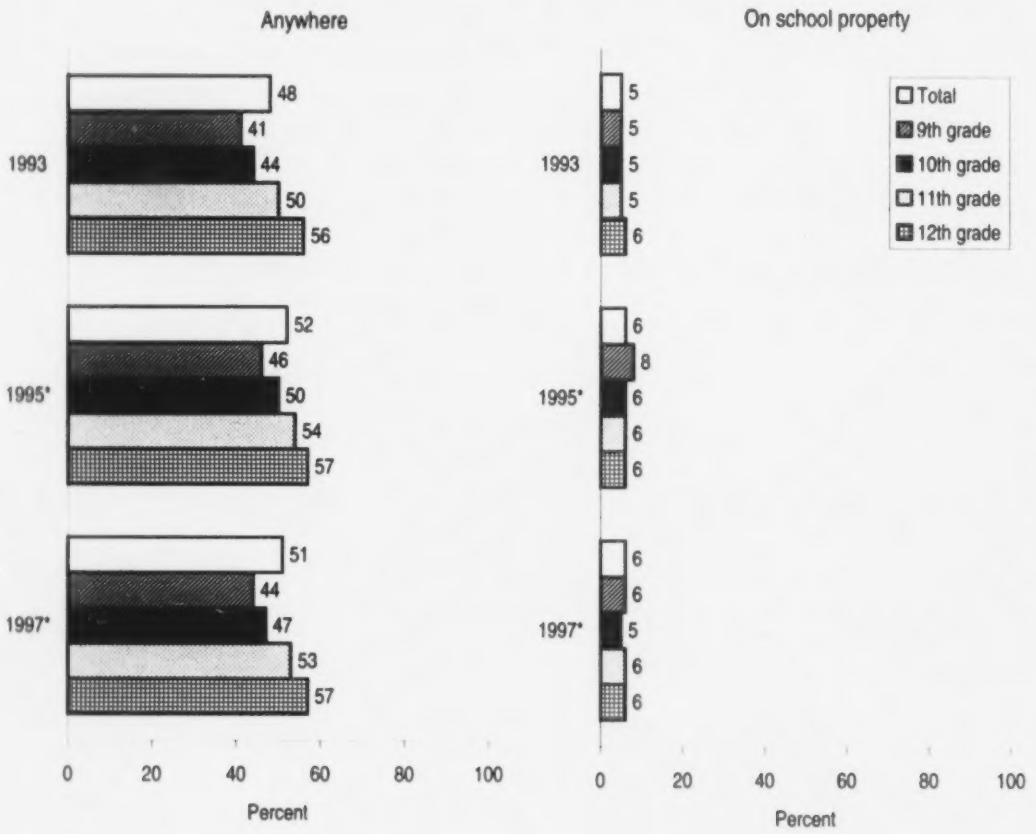
Figure 16.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using alcohol in the last 30 days, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997



*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Figure 16.2.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using alcohol in the last 30 days, by grade: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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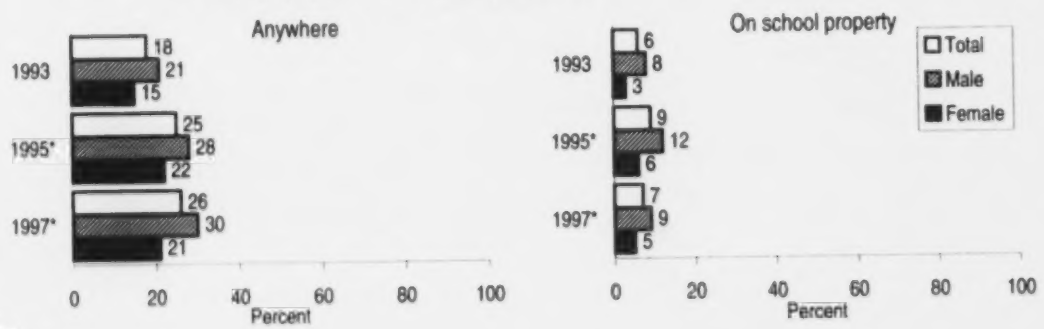
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

17. Prevalence of students using marijuana

The use of other drugs such as marijuana on school property may also cause disruptions in the learning environment. The consumption of these substances leads to a school environment that is harmful to students, teachers, and school administrators.

- Between 1993 and 1997, 6 to 9 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 reported using marijuana on school property during the last 30 days. About 18 to 26 percent reported using marijuana anywhere during the last 30 days (figure 17.1 and table 17.1).
- There was an increase in the use of marijuana among students between 1993 and 1995. In 1995, about 25 percent of all students in grades 9 through 12 had used marijuana in the last 30 days, compared with 18 percent in 1993 (figure 17.1 and table 17.1). Marijuana use in 1997, at 26 percent, was similar to that in 1995. However, marijuana use on school property did not increase significantly between 1993 and 1995, or between 1995 and 1997.
- Males were more likely than females to have used marijuana in every survey year (figure 17.1 and table 17.1), both in general and on school property.
- Both males and females increased their overall use of marijuana from 1993 to 1997 (figure 17.1 and table 17.1). The percentage of males who reported using marijuana in the 30 days before the survey increased from 21 percent in 1993 to 30 percent in 1997. The percentage of females increased from 15 percent to 21 percent.
- Students' grade in school was not associated with their use of marijuana on school property (figure 17.2 and table 17.1). However, in 1993 and 1995, students in lower grades were less likely than students in higher grades to report using marijuana at any time during the last 30 days. In 1997, this difference by grade was not apparent, with students in lower grades about as likely to report using marijuana as students in higher grades. This pattern occurred because the overall use of marijuana in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades increased from 1993 to 1997, while its use by 12th graders remained relatively constant.

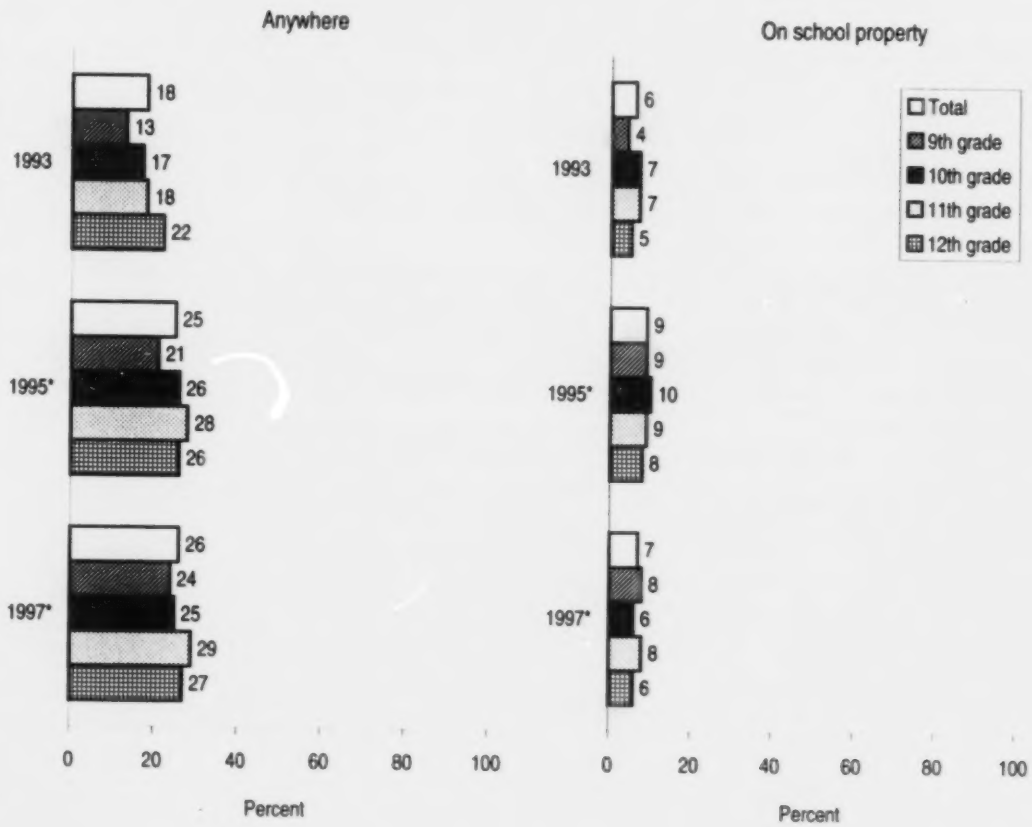
Figure 17.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using marijuana in the last 30 days, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997



*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Figure 17.2.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using marijuana in the last 30 days, by grade: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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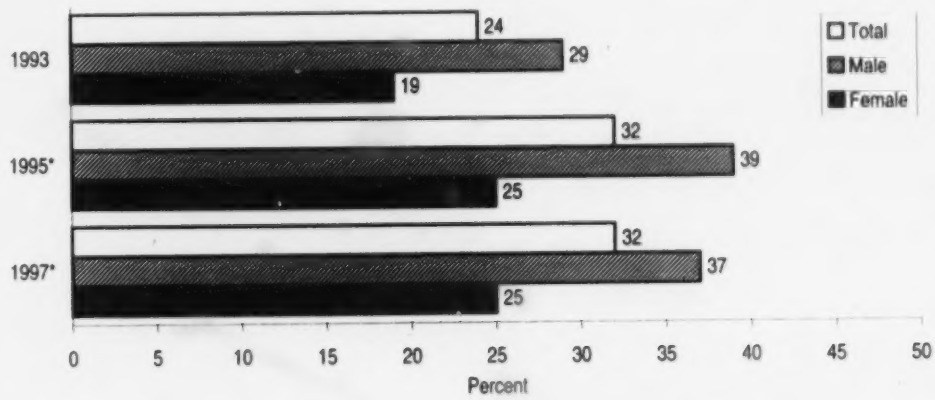
18. Prevalence of students reporting drugs were made available to them on school property

Schools can be places where young people are offered or can purchase illegal drugs. The availability of drugs on school property is a disruptive and corrupting influence in the school environment.

- In 1995 and 1997, almost one-third of all students in grades 9 through 12 (32 percent) reported that someone had offered, sold, or given them an illegal drug on school property (figure 18.1 and table 18.1). This was an increase from 1993 when 24 percent of such students reported illegal drugs available to them on school property.
- The percentages of both males and females reporting that illegal drugs were made available to them on school property increased between 1993 and 1995. However, in each survey year, males were more likely than females to report that drugs were offered, sold, or given to them on school property. For example, in 1997, 37 percent of males reported the availability of drugs, while 25 percent of females did so.
- Students' grade level in school did not appear to be associated with whether they had been offered, sold, or given drugs on school property (figure 18.2 and table 18.1). Generally, in each survey year, about the same percentage of students in each grade level reported the availability of illegal drugs.
- The racial–ethnic background of students was associated with whether they reported having illegal drugs offered, sold, or given to them on school property (figure 18.3 and table 18.1). In general, Hispanics were more likely than students from other racial–ethnic groups to report having drugs available to them on school property.

Figure 18.1.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the last 12 months, by sex: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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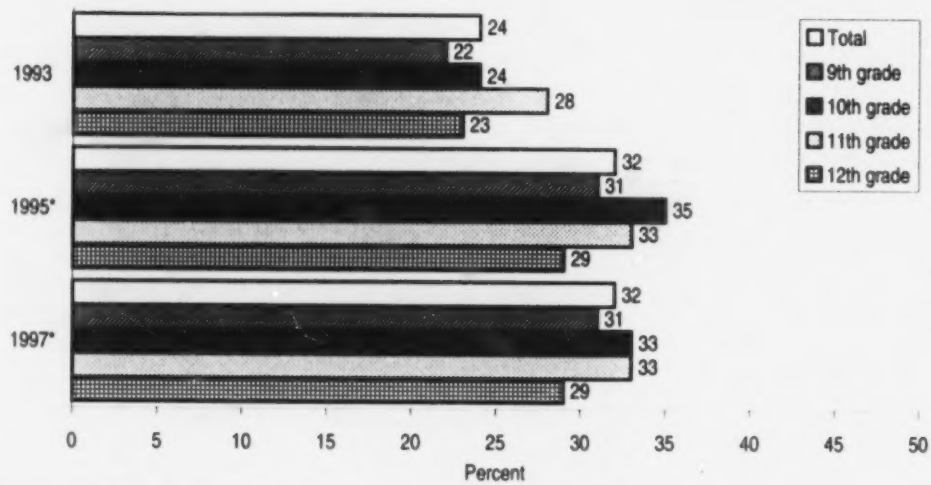
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Figure 18.2.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the last 12 months, by grade: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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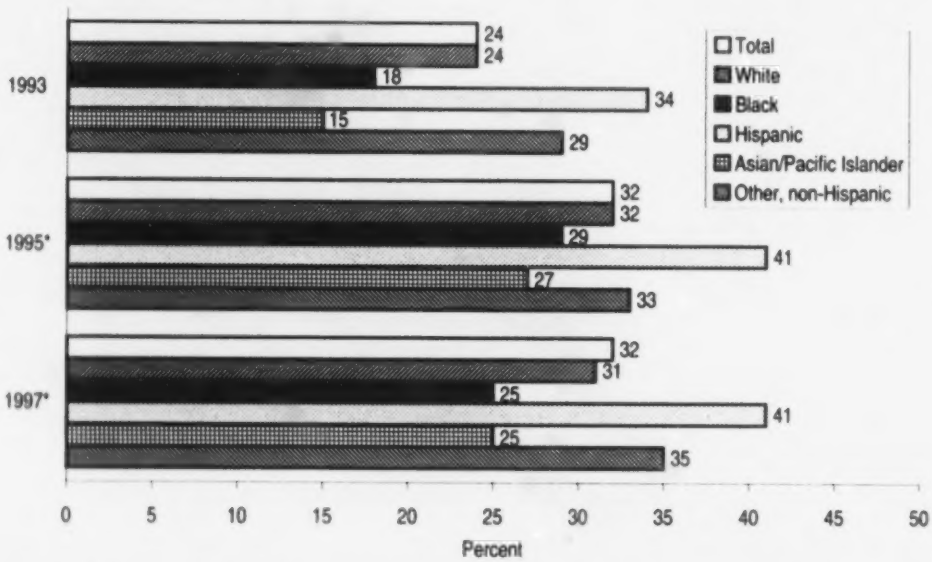
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Figure 18.3.—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the last 12 months, by race–ethnicity: 1993, 1995, and 1997



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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Supplemental Tables

Table 1.1a—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	3,409,200	2,260,500	1,148,600	245,400	3,795,200	2,357,000	1,438,200	306,700	3,795,500	2,371,500	1,424,000	322,400
Sex												
Male	2,058,400	1,278,000	780,400	183,200	2,168,000	1,275,100	892,900	180,200	2,109,600	1,265,600	844,000	200,600
Female	1,350,700	982,500	368,200	62,200	1,627,200	1,081,900	545,300	126,500	1,685,800	1,105,800	580,000	121,700
Age												
12–14	1,858,900	1,134,200	724,700	172,000	2,123,200	1,241,100	882,100	182,400	2,140,000	1,246,500	893,400	201,800
15–18	1,550,300	1,126,400	423,900	73,300	1,672,100	1,115,900	556,100	124,300	1,655,500	1,124,900	530,600	120,600
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	2,526,700	1,694,300	832,400	148,000	2,832,800	1,775,700	1,057,100	188,400	2,670,800	1,726,600	944,300	179,700
Black, non-Hispanic	443,300	262,300	181,000	71,500	507,800	300,600	207,200	88,100	552,800	320,100	232,700	60,000
Hispanic	299,200	191,300	107,900	25,900[3]	335,500	193,800	141,600	25,100	431,700	234,000	197,700	70,200
Other, non-Hispanic	111,600	95,300	16,300[3]	†	90,700	64,200	26,500	5,100[3]	105,600	68,300	37,200	12,500[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	883,000	572,300	310,700	95,600	967,200	557,100	410,200	100,700	978,200	534,800	443,400	140,300
Suburban	1,809,200	1,226,700	582,500	115,000	2,023,000	1,319,500	703,500	135,300	2,036,300	1,293,400	742,900	153,600
Rural	717,000	461,500	255,500	34,700[3]	804,900	480,500	324,500	70,700	780,900	543,300	237,700	28,500
Household income												
Less than $7,500	249,300	132,800	116,400	27,400[3]	253,600	105,900	147,700	27,900	185,000	90,600	94,400	40,400
$7,500–14,999	335,800	196,700	139,200	38,300[3]	340,100	205,000	135,100	36,400	322,100	202,300	119,800	15,900[3]
$15,000–24,999	415,200	199,700	215,600	53,100	489,000	266,500	222,500	36,000	494,900	312,400	182,500	44,100
$25,000–34,999	489,800	334,700	155,100	16,900[3]	684,300	471,100	213,200	36,600	572,200	313,500	258,700	55,100
$35,000–49,999	765,000	564,000	201,000	38,600[3]	670,900	418,500	252,400	58,200	741,500	473,500	268,000	50,500
$50,000–74,999	511,100	406,500	104,600	12,000[3]	639,300	430,800	208,500	43,200	668,000	421,300	246,700	53,300
$75,000 or more	382,300	252,000	130,300	31,000[3]	406,700	300,700	106,000	19,700[3]	438,900	314,500	124,400	19,800[3]

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

[1]The 1992 through 1994 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table 1.1b—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	3,467,900	2,177,900	1,290,000	222,500	3,163,000	2,028,700	1,134,400	225,400	2,721,200	1,666,000	1,055,200	201,800
Sex												
Male	1,995,600	1,216,200	779,400	144,800	1,802,200	1,046,100	756,100	148,200	1,555,500	878,300	677,200	133,100
Female	1,472,300	961,700	510,500	77,600	1,360,800	982,500	378,200	77,200	1,165,700	787,700	378,000	68,700
Age												
12–14	2,046,300	1,195,900	850,400	145,900	1,757,000	1,061,300	695,700	103,400	1,441,500	809,600	631,900	114,200
15–18	1,421,600	982,000	439,600	76,600	1,406,000	967,400	438,700	122,000	1,279,700	856,400	423,200	87,600
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	2,512,200	1,594,400	917,800	123,000	2,240,700	1,451,500	789,200	114,600	1,925,100	1,170,200	754,900	122,900
Black, non-Hispanic	449,300	258,800	190,500	53,300	414,100	288,300	125,900	46,100	392,900	244,400	148,500	33,100[3]
Hispanic	373,500	222,200	151,300	36,900	383,300	205,400	178,000	52,600	280,100	163,200	116,900	36,300
Other, non-Hispanic	110,800	85,800	25,100	9,300[3]	116,500	77,600	38,900	12,100[3]	106,900	84,200	22,700[3]	5,300[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	890,000	547,900	342,000	95,200	913,300	548,500	364,800	102,300	791,100	478,000	313,100	89,000
Suburban	1,907,600	1,197,800	709,800	93,400	1,693,900	1,066,800	627,100	101,400	1,470,500	867,000	603,500	101,900
Rural	670,300	432,200	238,100	33,800	555,900	413,400	142,500	21,700[3]	459,600	321,000	138,600	10,900[3]
Household income												
Less than $7,500	141,300	52,700	88,600	27,800	136,800	87,900	48,900	13,500[3]	86,500	42,800	43,700	4,400[3]
$7,500–14,999	284,900	164,400	120,500	35,600	254,600	149,400	105,200	25,700	251,300	143,400	107,900	16,300[3]
$15,000–24,999	443,500	275,400	168,000	23,800[3]	427,000	241,900	185,100	53,400	363,700	219,500	144,200	31,800
$25,000–34,999	538,800	328,000	210,800	42,000	440,200	264,700	175,500	33,200	390,700	244,400	146,300	23,400
$35,000–49,999	678,800	429,900	248,900	35,000	602,300	383,700	218,600	42,300	468,000	247,700	220,300	47,700
$50,000–74,999	620,800	415,000	205,700	34,500	597,200	410,000	187,200	32,200	501,300	342,500	158,800	36,600
$75,000 or more	495,600	341,300	154,300	13,600[3]	435,400	326,600	108,800	16,000[3]	453,600	303,700	149,900	25,300[3]

[1]The 1997 data are new. The 1995 and 1996 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table 1.2a—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	144	95	48	10	155	96	59	12	150	94	56	13
Sex												
Male	168	105	64	15	171	101	70	14	162	97	65	15
Female	117	85	32	5	137	91	46	11	137	90	47	10
Age												
12–14	172	105	67	16	190	111	79	16	187	109	78	18
15–18	120	87	33	6	125	83	42	9	119	81	38	9
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	156	105	52	9	170	106	63	11	156	101	55	11
Black, non-Hispanic	114	67	46	18	128	76	52	22	140	81	59	15
Hispanic	113	72	41	10[3]	118	68	50	9	137	74	63	22
Other, non-Hispanic	129	110	19[3]	†	99	70	29	6[3]	109	71	39	13[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	141	92	50	15	145	84	62	15	143	78	65	21
Suburban	155	105	50	10	174	113	60	12	169	107	62	13
Rural	124	80	44	6[3]	129	77	52	11	121	84	37	4
Household income												
Less than $7,500	123	65	57	14[3]	123	51	71	13	96	47	49	21
$7,500–14,999	111	65	46	13[3]	123	74	49	13	119	75	44	6[3]
$15,000–24,999	125	60	65	16	137	75	62	10	134	85	50	12
$25,000–34,999	137	94	43	5[3]	187	128	58	10	162	89	73	16
$35,000–49,999	180	133	47	9[3]	157	98	59	14	164	105	59	11
$50,000–74,999	150	119	31	4[3]	170	115	56	12	166	105	61	13
$75,000 or more	206	136	70	17[3]	193	143	50	9[3]	179	129	51	8[3]

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table 1.2b—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	135	85	50	9	121	78	43	9	102	63	40	8
Sex												
Male	151	92	59	11	134	78	56	11	114	64	50	10
Female	118	77	41	6	107	77	30	6	91	61	29	5
Age												
12–14	176	103	73	13	151	91	60	9	123	69	54	10
15–18	101	70	31	5	97	67	30	8	86	58	29	6
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	147	93	54	7	129	83	45	7	111	67	43	7
Black, non-Hispanic	111	64	47	13	105	73	32	12	95	59	36	8[3]
Hispanic	113	67	46	11	109	58	51	15	76	44	32	10
Other, non-Hispanic	103	80	23	9[3]	108	72	36	11[3]	91	72	19[3]	5[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	126	78	49	14	126	76	50	14	105	63	42	12
Suburban	153	96	57	7	130	82	48	8	111	66	46	8
Rural	108	70	39	5	95	71	24	4[3]	79	55	24	2[3]
Household income												
Less than $7,500	81	30	51	16	86	55	31	8[3]	64	31	32	3[3]
$7,500–14,999	101	59	43	13	92	54	38	9	93	53	40	6[3]
$15,000–24,999	131	82	50	7[3]	120	68	52	15	107	65	42	9
$25,000–34,999	153	93	60	12	130	78	52	10	114	71	43	7
$35,000–49,999	142	90	52	7	131	84	48	9	105	56	49	11
$50,000–74,999	151	101	50	8	138	95	43	7	110	75	35	8
$75,000 or more	173	119	54	5[3]	139	104	35	5[3]	125	84	41	7[3]

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table 1.3a—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	3,286,800	1,607,600	1,679,200	750,200	3,419,700	1,691,800	1,728,000	849,500	3,258,100	1,521,700	1,736,400	832,700
Sex												
Male	1,967,600	1,000,400	967,300	433,300	2,009,000	1,001,100	1,007,900	527,800	1,921,200	866,200	1,055,000	522,800
Female	1,319,200	607,200	712,000	316,900	1,410,800	690,700	720,100	321,700	1,336,800	655,400	681,400	309,900
Age												
12–14	1,253,700	685,900	567,800	249,700	1,236,200	655,800	580,500	280,500	1,132,900	572,200	560,700	231,400
15–18	2,033,100	921,700	1,111,400	500,500	2,183,500	1,036,000	1,147,500	569,000	2,125,200	949,500	1,175,700	601,300
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	2,294,400	1,152,100	1,142,300	450,800	2,322,900	1,128,700	1,194,200	502,600	2,209,500	1,048,100	1,161,400	482,300
Black, non-Hispanic	461,300	227,100	234,200	139,000	597,600	302,100	295,400	193,500	499,200	229,900	269,300	170,400
Hispanic	383,400	163,900	219,500	113,200	380,600	187,800	192,900	129,300	423,300	191,800	231,500	141,500
Other, non-Hispanic	132,400	59,600	72,800	40,900[3]	94,600	61,300	33,400	19,200[3]	99,400	47,600	51,700	25,300
Urbanicity												
Urban	1,124,200	532,400	591,900	265,800	1,245,900	589,000	657,000	354,200	1,095,100	489,500	605,600	320,200
Suburban	1,658,000	838,400	819,600	360,100	1,515,400	771,700	743,700	364,700	1,592,300	729,700	862,600	396,000
Rural	504,500	236,800	267,700	124,300	658,400	331,200	327,200	130,700	570,700	302,400	268,200	116,500
Household income												
Less than $7,500	379,500	192,900	186,600	75,200	423,500	180,300	243,300	107,100	354,400	157,800	196,600	108,600
$7,500–14,999	491,500	197,500	294,000	168,600	494,800	261,600	233,200	136,900	389,900	170,800	219,200	116,500
$15,000–24,999	592,300	246,500	345,800	143,500	563,600	257,100	306,500	152,700	426,100	179,000	247,100	110,800
$25,000–34,999	501,400	217,400	284,000	121,600	503,500	258,600	244,800	124,900	487,200	226,000	261,200	122,300
$35,000–49,999	479,800	242,600	237,200	80,200	549,500	253,600	295,900	144,700	494,200	233,500	260,700	120,900
$50,000–74,999	373,700	221,700	152,000	60,000	380,200	217,000	163,200	76,200	483,500	248,700	234,700	105,900
$75,000 or more	243,700	151,700	92,000	34,600[3]	222,000	122,800	99,300	38,100	292,700	156,200	136,500	60,000

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NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table 1.3b—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	3,058,300	1,561,800	1,496,500	599,000	3,050,600	1,622,900	1,427,700	670,600	3,107,300	1,551,600	1,555,800	635,900
Sex												
Male	1,786,900	883,000	903,900	374,600	1,890,300	1,004,000	886,400	421,200	1,806,000	914,600	891,400	361,300
Female	1,271,400	678,800	592,600	224,400	1,160,200	618,900	541,300	249,300	1,301,400	637,000	664,400	274,600
Age												
12–14	1,040,200	556,100	484,100	178,300	1,058,100	600,800	457,200	209,100	1,030,700	557,600	473,100	190,300
15–18	2,018,100	1,005,700	1,012,400	420,700	1,992,500	1,022,000	970,500	461,400	2,076,600	994,000	1,082,600	445,600
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	2,048,300	1,075,900	972,400	373,100	2,030,000	1,078,400	951,600	391,700	2,089,200	1,037,500	1,051,700	414,900
Black, non-Hispanic	512,100	254,200	257,800	98,200	522,800	265,300	257,500	157,400	520,500	271,300	249,200	109,900
Hispanic	349,800	144,000	205,700	95,500	349,200	186,600	162,600	94,200	404,300	191,400	213,000	94,400
Other, non-Hispanic	114,000	64,800	49,200	23,400[3]	112,000	72,000	40,000	24,800[3]	67,900	36,900	31,000	12,400[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	1,057,300	518,000	539,400	229,900	993,000	494,800	498,200	274,800	1,079,800	531,600	548,300	270,700
Suburban	1,463,700	776,900	686,900	277,000	1,481,200	800,500	680,700	294,600	1,504,600	772,400	732,300	268,600
Rural	537,200	267,000	270,300	92,100	576,400	327,700	248,700	101,100	522,800	247,600	275,200	96,600
Household income												
Less than $7,500	329,100	162,000	167,100	68,500	284,800	134,500	150,300	103,000	181,200	97,800	83,400	31,300
$7,500–14,999	428,100	191,400	236,700	97,100	422,400	213,300	209,100	127,200	443,900	167,200	276,700	137,600
$15,000–24,999	491,400	289,100	202,300	86,100	468,600	218,800	249,800	109,800	388,700	209,600	179,000	74,300
$25,000–34,999	411,700	203,700	208,000	76,000	377,600	215,900	161,700	68,100	420,600	202,000	218,700	81,500
$35,000–49,999	486,000	238,800	247,300	104,200	465,800	250,300	215,600	69,500	510,100	308,300	201,800	81,600
$50,000–74,999	442,100	225,000	217,000	96,400	394,500	245,100	149,300	72,300	445,000	203,400	241,600	89,600
$75,000 or more	288,900	140,000	148,900	38,300	324,900	218,400	106,500	29,300	384,100	199,600	184,500	79,500

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NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table 1.4a—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	138	68	71	32	139	69	70	35	129	60	69	33
Sex												
Male	161	82	79	35	159	79	80	42	147	66	81	40
Female	115	53	62	28	119	58	61	27	109	53	55	25
Age												
12–14	116	63	53	23	111	59	52	25	99	50	49	20
15–18	157	71	86	39	163	77	86	43	153	68	85	43
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	142	71	71	28	139	68	72	30	129	61	68	28
Black, non-Hispanic	118	58	60	36	151	76	74	49	127	58	68	43
Hispanic	145	62	83	43	134	66	68	46	134	61	73	45
Other, non-Hispanic	153	69	84	47[3]	103	67	36	21	103	49	54	26
Urbanicity												
Urban	180	85	95	43	187	89	99	53	160	72	89	47
Suburban	142	72	70	31	130	66	64	31	132	61	72	33
Rural	87	41	46	21	105	53	52	21	88	47	42	18
Household income												
Less than $7,500	187	95	92	37	205	87	118	52	185	82	102	57
$7,500–14,999	162	65	97	56	180	95	85	50	144	63	81	43
$15,000–24,999	178	74	104	43	158	72	86	43	116	49	67	30
$25,000–34,999	140	61	80	34	137	71	67	34	138	64	74	35
$35,000–49,999	113	57	56	19	129	59	69	34	110	52	58	27
$50,000–74,999	110	65	45	18	101	58	43	20	120	62	58	26
$75,000 or more	131	82	50	19	106	58	47	18	120	64	56	25

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Table 1.4b—Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	119	61	58	23	117	62	55	26	117	58	59	24
Sex												
Male	135	67	68	28	141	75	66	31	132	67	65	26
Female	102	54	48	18	91	49	43	20	101	49	52	21
Age												
12–14	89	48	42	15	91	52	39	18	88	48	40	16
15–18	143	71	72	30	137	70	67	32	140	67	73	30
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	119	63	57	22	117	62	55	22	120	60	61	24
Black, non-Hispanic	127	63	64	24	132	67	65	40	126	65	60	27
Hispanic	106	43	62	29	99	53	46	27	110	52	58	26
Other, non-Hispanic	106	60	46	22	104	67	37	23	58	32	27	11[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	150	74	77	33	137	68	69	38	143	70	73	36
Suburban	117	62	55	22	113	61	52	23	114	58	55	20
Rural	87	43	44	15	99	56	43	17	90	43	47	17
Household income												
Less than $7,500	189	93	96	39	179	85	94	65	133	72	61	23
$7,500–14,999	152	68	84	35	153	77	76	46	164	62	102	51
$15,000–24,999	146	86	60	26	132	62	70	31	114	62	53	22
$25,000–34,999	117	58	59	22	112	64	48	20	123	59	64	24
$35,000–49,999	102	50	52	22	102	55	47	15	114	69	45	18
$50,000–74,999	107	55	53	23	91	57	35	17	98	45	53	20
$75,000 or more	101	49	52	13	104	70	34	9	106	55	51	22

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table 2.1—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported criminal victimization at school during the previous 6 months, by type of victimization, grade level, and school control: 1989 and 1995

School characteristics	1989			1995		
	Type of victimization			Type of victimization		
	Any[1]	Violent[2]	Property[3]	Any[1]	Violent[2]	Property[3]
Total	14.5	3.4	12.2	14.6	4.2	11.6
Grade level						
Grade 6	17.9	5.7	14.8	18.0	6.7	13.3
Grade 7	18.9	5.4	15.5	20.4	6.6	16.0
Grade 8	16.1	4.0	13.1	17.1	4.7	13.9
Grade 9	17.1	3.6	14.7	15.5	4.6	12.1
Grade 10	13.9	2.5	11.9	12.9	3.3	10.7
Grade 11	10.5	2.2	8.8	9.5	2.3	7.5
Grade 12	8.3	1.2	7.6	8.7	1.7	7.5
Other	13.5	7.0	10.0	10.3	4.6	6.4
School control						
Public	14.7	3.5	12.3	14.8	4.4	11.7
Private	12.8	2.9	10.8	12.4	2.3	10.7
Not ascertained	11.8	3.1	9.6	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

[1]Any victimization is a combination of reported violent and property victimization. If the student reported an incident of either, he or she is counted as having experienced any victimization. If the respondent reported having experienced both, he or she is only counted once under "Any victimization."

[2]Violent victimization includes physical attacks or taking property from the student directly by force, weapons, or threats.

[3]Property victimization includes theft of property from a student's desk, locker, or other locations.

NOTE: "At school" means in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table 3.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	7.3	8.4	7.4
Sex			
Male	9.2	10.9	10.2
Female	5.4	5.8	4.0
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	6.3	7.0	6.2
Black, non-Hispanic	11.2	11.0	9.9
Hispanic	8.6	12.4	9.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	5.0	11.4	5.3
Other, non-Hispanic	10.2	9.5	9.9
Grade			
9th	9.4	9.6	10.1
10th	7.3	9.6	7.9
11th	7.3	7.7	5.9
12th	5.5	6.7	5.8

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 4.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having been in a physical fight in the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	Anywhere			On school property		
	1993	1995*	1997*	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	41.8	38.7	36.6	16.2	15.5	14.8
Sex						
Male	51.2	46.1	45.5	23.5	21.0	20.0
Female	31.7	30.6	26.0	8.6	9.5	8.6
Race–ethnicity						
White, non-Hispanic	40.3	36.0	33.7	15.0	12.9	13.3
Black, non-Hispanic	49.5	41.6	43.0	22.0	20.3	20.7
Hispanic	43.2	47.9	40.7	17.9	21.1	19.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	30.4	38.2	24.5	11.7	18.3	8.3
Other, non-Hispanic	46.9	46.4	45.1	18.8	23.0	14.8
Grade						
9th	50.4	47.3	44.8	23.1	21.6	21.3
10th	42.2	40.4	40.2	17.2	16.5	17.0
11th	40.5	36.9	34.2	13.8	13.6	12.5
12th	34.8	31.0	28.8	11.4	10.6	9.5

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 5.1—Percentage and number of students in grades 6 to 12 who reported being bullied at school during the current school year, by urbanicity and selected student characteristics: 1993

Student characteristics	Percent				Number			
	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Total	8.2	7.7	9.7	8.6	1,979,100	1,088,700	347,400	543,100
Sex								
Male	9.5	9.4	11.1	8.9	1,144,600	656,100	206,500	282,000
Female	6.9	6.1	8.2	8.2	834,500	432,500	140,900	261,100
Race–ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	8.7	8.5	9.5	8.6	1,467,300	730,800	263,200	473,200
Black, non-Hispanic	7.3	6.5	10.4	9.8	279,900	189,400	37,500	53,000
Hispanic	6.1	5.9	9.1	3.5	161,400	122,200	31,400	7,800
Other, non-Hispanic	9.3	8.5	—	—	70,500	46,200	—	—
Grade level								
Grade 6	13.4	13.6	15.2	11.9	509,600	306,100	86,400	117,100
Grade 7	11.1	12.1	9.2	9.9	407,900	258,800	51,400	97,800
Grade 8	8.5	8.5	7.4	9.3	299,800	182,500	36,200	81,000
Grade 9	8.1	4.9	15.2	10.6	283,600	97,500	83,600	102,500
Grade 10	8.1	6.9	10.9	9.0	269,600	133,400	58,200	78,000
Grade 11	3.9	3.7	5.2	3.5	120,900	69,700	24,100	27,200
Grade 12	2.9	2.3	1.8	4.4	87,700	40,800	7,500	39,500
Region								
Northeast	8.6	9.7	5.4	7.5	378,900	262,900	23,600	92,400
South	8.8	8.6	9.3	8.9	753,300	392,000	112,300	249,000
Midwest	7.9	7.5	9.6	7.5	466,900	237,200	103,600	126,100
West	7.3	5.3	12.6	11.9	380,100	196,600	107,900	75,600

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Bullying was described as students picking on others a lot or making other students do things like give them money. "At school" means in school, at school activities during the day, or on the way to or from school. Population size is 24,060,000 students in grades 6 to 12. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, 1993.

Table 6.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having their property stolen or deliberately damaged on school property during the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	32.7	34.9	32.9
Sex			
Male	37.0	41.4	36.1
Female	28.1	27.9	29.0
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	32.0	34.9	32.6
Black, non-Hispanic	35.5	33.6	34.0
Hispanic	32.2	34.0	32.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	32.9	35.0	27.2
Other, non-Hispanic	35.9	39.0	35.5
Grade			
9th	37.2	39.0	36.9
10th	32.8	36.2	35.4
11th	32.3	35.2	32.3
12th	28.9	29.5	27.9

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey –Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 7.1—Percentage of public schools that reported one or more criminal incidents to police, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents and no serious violent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	56.7	59.3	58.4	63.2	46.9	10.1	16.8	11.2	5.4	7.8	46.5	42.4	46.7	57.8	39.2
Instructional level															
Elementary school	45.1	46.9	47.0	52.6	34.2	4.2	6.1	3.3	2.0	5.1	40.8	40.8	43.2	50.6	29.1
Middle school	74.1	86.7	78.8	70.0	62.0	18.7	35.8	21.7	7.0	15.0	55.4	50.9	57.1	63.0	47.0
High school	76.9	88.8	84.0	84.2	64.1	20.6	48.0	33.0	12.7	9.4	55.9	39.9	49.4	71.5	54.7
Region															
Northeast	51.6	51.9	49.3	53.7	52.5	6.8	9.5	6.9	2.6	11.0	44.7	42.2	42.4	51.2	41.5
Southeast	58.8	55.1	65.5	64.8	51.1	9.2	17.3	13.2	4.9	4.9	49.6	37.8	52.3	59.9	46.2
Central	50.8	52.5	51.7	59.9	43.6	11.1	16.4	12.4	6.4	10.2	39.7	36.1	39.3	53.4	33.5
West	64.3	69.8	69.9	72.5	45.8	11.9	20.2	13.3	7.2	5.7	51.9	49.5	54.4	65.3	40.0
School enrollment															
Less than 300	37.8	—	—	44.9	38.0	3.9	—	—	8.8	2.5	33.8	—	—	36.1	35.5
300–999	59.6	54.2	59.2	67.3	56.8	9.3	12.5	9.0	3.2	13.9	50.2	41.7	49.5	64.1	42.9
1,000 or more	89.1	93.1	86.7	86.5	—	32.9	44.2	29.8	15.9	—	56.0	48.1	56.9	70.6	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	46.7	—	47.2	53.9	40.8	5.8	—	5.9	3.3	7.3	40.9	—	41.3	50.5	33.5
5–19 percent	57.7	52.0	62.9	64.0	45.0	10.9	14.5	11.3	10.6	6.8	46.6	37.4	51.1	53.5	38.1
20–49 percent	58.1	54.7	58.5	66.7	53.3	11.1	19.1	10.1	5.0	8.0	47.0	35.6	48.4	61.7	45.3
50 percent or more	68.3	64.8	62.3	81.5	74.9	14.7	17.6	17.8	4.4	11.6	53.1	47.1	42.6	77.1	63.3
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	54.4	50.6	57.3	64.2	41.2	8.6	12.2	9.9	7.1	5.6	45.8	38.2	47.4	57.1	35.7
21–34 percent	53.2	56.0	65.5	57.2	39.5	11.7	18.4	13.3	7.1	11.6	41.6	37.5	52.2	50.2	27.9
35–49 percent	59.4	76.1	53.3	63.1	52.5	11.6	34.2	8.6	3.0	8.6	47.8	41.5	44.7	60.1	43.9
50–74 percent	58.8	60.8	54.7	66.6	52.0	8.9	22.9	10.3	2.0	2.3	49.5	37.9	42.4	64.6	49.8
75 percent or more	59.2	58.5	—	—	—	10.2	8.4	—	—	—	49.0	50.2	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include murder, rape or other type of sexual battery, suicide, physical attack or fight with a weapon, or robbery. Less serious violent or nonviolent crimes include physical attack or fight without a weapon, theft/larceny, and vandalism. Any incidents refer to any of the crimes listed. Not included are any crimes not listed here and any crimes not reported to police. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 78,000 public schools.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 7.2—Number of public schools that reported one or more criminal incidents to police, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents and no serious violent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	44,000	10,600	11,000	12,400	9,900	7,900	3,000	2,100	1,100	1,600	36,100	7,600	8,900	11,400	8,300
Instructional level															
Elementary school	21,600	5,900	5,900	5,800	4,100	2,000	800	400	200	600	19,600	5,100	5,500	5,600	3,500
Middle school	10,400	2,600	2,800	3,100	1,900	2,600	1,100	800	300	500	7,800	1,600	2,000	2,800	1,400
High school	12,000	2,200	2,300	3,500	4,000	3,200	1,200	900	500	600	8,700	1,000	1,400	3,000	3,400
Region															
Northeast	7,800	1,500	2,700	2,300	1,200	1,000	300	400	100	300	6,700	1,300	2,300	2,200	900
Southeast	10,000	2,100	2,200	3,200	2,500	1,600	600	400	200	200	8,400	1,400	1,700	3,000	2,300
Central	11,400	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,500	2,500	800	600	300	800	8,900	1,700	1,900	2,700	2,700
West	14,800	4,600	3,600	3,900	2,700	2,800	1,300	700	400	300	12,000	3,300	2,900	3,500	2,400
School enrollment															
Less than 300	7,700	—	—	2,100	4,400	800	—	—	400	300	6,900	—	—	1,700	4,100
300–999	29,800	7,200	8,200	9,200	5,200	4,600	1,700	1,300	400	1,300	25,100	5,600	6,900	8,700	3,900
1,000 or more	6,600	2,800	2,400	1,100	—	2,400	1,300	800	200	—	4,100	1,400	1,500	900	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	11,300	—	1,800	4,200	4,800	1,400	—	200	300	900	9,900	—	1,500	4,000	4,000
5–19 percent	10,100	1,800	3,900	3,000	1,400	1,900	500	700	500	200	8,200	1,300	3,200	2,500	1,200
20–49 percent	10,300	2,700	3,100	2,500	2,000	2,000	900	500	200	300	8,300	1,700	2,600	2,300	1,700
50 percent or more	11,900	5,600	2,300	2,300	1,600	2,600	1,500	700	100	300	9,300	4,100	1,600	2,200	1,400
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	10,000	1,400	4,000	3,000	1,700	1,600	300	700	300	200	8,500	1,000	3,300	2,600	1,500
21–34 percent	9,200	1,500	2,600	2,900	2,200	2,000	500	500	400	700	7,200	1,000	2,100	2,600	1,600
35–49 percent	7,700	1,700	1,400	2,100	2,500	1,500	800	200	100	400	6,200	900	1,100	2,000	2,100
50–74 percent	9,400	2,400	1,700	3,000	2,300	1,400	900	300	100	100	7,900	1,500	1,400	2,900	2,200
75 percent or more	7,400	3,700	—	—	—	1,300	500	—	—	—	6,100	3,200	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include murder, rape or other type of sexual battery, suicide, physical attack or fight with a weapon, or robbery. Less serious violent or nonviolent crimes include physical attack or fight without a weapon, theft/larceny, and vandalism. Any incidents refer to any of the crimes listed. Not included are any crimes not listed here and any crimes not reported to police. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 78,000 public schools. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 7.3—Number of criminal incidents occurring in public schools reported to police, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	424,500	146,700	110,600	103,800	63,400	22,600	11,900	4,700	2,800	3,100	401,900	134,800	105,900	101,000	60,200
Instructional level															
Elementary school	78,700	19,000	25,900	22,200	11,600	2,900	1,400	400	200	900	75,800	17,600	25,500	22,000	10,800
Middle school	136,400	61,000	32,600	29,800	13,000	7,800	5,200	1,400	400	800	128,600	55,800	31,200	29,400	12,200
High school	209,400	66,800	52,000	51,900	38,700	11,900	5,300	2,900	2,200	1,500	197,500	61,500	49,200	49,700	37,200
Region															
Northeast	67,400	19,000	23,500	17,500	7,400	3,200	1,800	700	400	500	64,200	17,300	22,800	17,200	6,900
Southeast	95,400	24,400	34,600	20,700	15,700	4,100	1,600	1,600	300	600	91,300	22,800	32,900	20,400	15,200
Central	95,000	34,800	16,400	21,800	21,900	7,800	4,700	1,000	500	1,700	87,200	30,200	15,400	21,300	20,200
West	166,700	68,500	36,100	43,800	18,300	7,500	3,900	1,400	1,700	400	159,200	64,600	34,600	42,100	17,900
School enrollment															
Less than 300	40,000	—	—	14,800	21,700	2,300	—	—	1,600	600	37,700	—	—	13,200	21,200
300–999	204,100	61,900	41,500	63,000	37,700	10,800	5,800	1,700	800	2,500	193,400	56,100	39,800	62,300	35,200
1,000 or more	180,400	82,800	67,700	26,000	—	9,600	6,000	3,000	500	—	170,800	76,800	64,700	25,500	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	66,200	—	9,100	27,000	26,400	1,800	—	200	300	1,300	64,500	—	8,900	26,800	25,100
5–19 percent	88,800	15,700	35,200	28,500	9,300	4,100	1,000	1,000	1,800	200	84,700	14,700	34,200	26,700	9,100
20–49 percent	103,500	37,900	31,600	20,700	13,400	5,200	2,800	1,300	600	500	98,300	35,100	30,300	20,100	12,800
50 percent or more	159,400	89,000	34,700	21,400	14,300	11,500	8,000	2,200	200	1,100	147,900	81,000	32,500	21,200	13,200
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	91,700	18,100	34,300	27,300	12,000	2,900	900	1,000	600	400	88,800	17,200	33,300	26,700	11,600
21–34 percent	83,900	22,800	26,900	21,400	12,800	5,300	2,000	2,000	400	900	78,600	20,900	24,900	21,000	11,900
35–49 percent	72,900	23,600	15,700	16,600	17,100	3,300	2,000	300	400	600	69,600	21,600	15,400	16,200	16,400
50–74 percent	93,900	45,900	17,000	21,400	9,700	5,500	4,400	900	100	100	88,500	41,500	16,100	21,200	9,600
75 percent or more	75,800	35,900	—	—	—	5,400	2,500	—	—	—	70,400	33,500	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 7.4—Number of criminal incidents reported to police per 1,000 public school students, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	10.0	11.6	8.8	10.2	9.0	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.4	9.5	10.7	8.4	9.9	8.5
Instructional level															
Elementary school	3.5	2.7	3.9	4.5	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.4	2.5	3.8	4.5	2.8
Middle school	16.2	24.8	12.6	13.0	12.2	0.9	2.1	0.6	0.2	0.8	15.3	22.6	12.0	12.9	11.4
High school	18.1	20.9	15.7	17.6	18.1	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	17.0	19.3	14.9	16.8	17.4
Region															
Northeast	8.1	8.8	7.7	8.2	7.4	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	7.7	8.0	7.5	8.0	6.9
Southeast	9.2	9.1	13.6	7.2	7.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	8.8	8.5	13.0	7.1	6.7
Central	9.5	13.7	5.9	9.4	9.6	0.8	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.7	8.8	11.9	5.5	9.2	8.9
West	12.2	13.1	8.7	15.5	12.1	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	11.6	12.4	8.4	14.8	11.8
School enrollment															
Less than 300	10.7	—	—	17.1	11.2	0.6	—	—	1.8	0.3	10.1	—	—	15.3	10.9
300–999	7.3	8.0	5.2	8.3	8.0	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	6.9	7.3	5.0	8.2	7.5
1,000 or more	16.9	18.2	17.0	15.3	—	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.3	—	16.0	16.8	16.3	15.0	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	6.9	—	4.6	7.6	7.3	0.2	—	0.1	0.1	0.3	6.7	—	4.4	7.6	7.0
5–19 percent	8.7	7.4	8.1	11.1	8.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	8.3	6.9	7.9	10.4	7.8
20–49 percent	10.2	11.6	9.7	9.7	8.9	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.4	9.7	10.8	9.3	9.4	8.5
50 percent or more	13.2	13.1	11.8	13.3	20.0	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.1	1.6	12.3	12.0	11.1	13.2	18.4
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	8.1	9.1	6.8	9.9	8.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	7.9	8.6	6.6	9.7	7.8
21–34 percent	9.2	11.3	10.5	8.2	6.5	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	8.6	10.3	9.7	8.1	6.0
35–49 percent	10.7	13.7	10.3	9.4	9.6	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	10.2	12.5	10.1	9.2	9.2
50–74 percent	11.7	16.1	8.7	9.8	9.1	0.7	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	11.0	14.5	8.3	9.8	9.0
75 percent or more	11.2	9.2	—	—	—	0.8	0.6	—	—	—	10.4	8.6	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.1—Percentage of public schools that reported one or more incidents of serious violent crime to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	3.0	5.1	3.7	1.3	2.1	6.0	10.3	6.5	3.0	4.9	3.1	8.1	2.7	0.9	1.1
Instructional level															
Elementary school	0.8	1.1	0.9	†	1.3	2.3	4.0	2.0	†	3.0	0.8	1.9	0.4	†	0.9
Middle school	5.2	9.2	7.5	2.1	3.1	11.6	21.8	10.7	5.6	11.1	5.4	15.3	6.8	†	1.7
High school	7.6	20.4	11.6	3.9	3.4	12.5	28.0	21.1	8.0	5.7	7.9	31.0	8.0	4.1	1.3
Region															
Northeast	2.2	4.2	2.0	0.9	2.7	4.2	7.5	3.7	0.9	7.2	3.1	7.8	2.1	0.9	3.6
Southeast	3.5	4.2	8.7	2.4	0.6	5.0	12.2	4.4	1.8	3.2	2.3	5.9	2.6	0.7	1.1
Central	2.9	7.0	1.3	†	3.4	5.8	6.3	9.4	2.0	5.8	2.6	7.6	2.5	†	1.3
West	3.2	4.7	4.6	1.9	1.5	8.2	13.2	8.0	6.6	4.3	4.1	9.9	3.7	1.8	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	1.3	—	—	1.5	1.3	1.9	—	—	4.0	1.2	0.5	—	—	1.5	†
300–999	2.5	2.5	3.4	0.9	3.3	5.6	7.9	4.7	2.0	9.0	2.2	4.6	1.4	0.5	2.6
1,000 or more	11.4	18.3	8.7	4.5	—	20.4	26.5	18.8	9.1	—	15.8	27.0	12.0	2.3	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	1.8	—	2.6	0.9	2.1	3.2	—	1.6	2.0	4.4	1.0	—	1.6	0.5	1.1
5–19 percent	3.2	5.9	3.6	1.5	1.8	5.6	4.4	6.8	5.7	4.3	2.1	6.1	0.9	1.5	0.8
20–49 percent	3.6	7.0	2.2	1.6	3.1	7.4	12.1	7.9	3.2	4.9	2.9	8.7	1.1	1.0	†
50 percent or more	4.0	4.0	7.2	2.1	1.4	9.3	12.2	8.7	1.3	9.3	7.3	9.5	9.1	1.0	3.5
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	2.9	4.5	3.5	1.4	2.4	5.1	8.0	5.2	5.6	2.6	1.2	4.1	1.2	†	0.6
21–34 percent	3.4	6.4	5.4	†	3.7	6.5	11.9	9.1	2.0	6.1	2.7	8.7	1.9	0.7	2.4
35–49 percent	4.4	11.3	5.4	1.9	2.4	6.1	19.2	1.0	1.0	6.2	2.9	12.6	2.2	1.1	†
50–74 percent	1.6	4.2	2.6	†	†	6.0	13.3	8.4	1.3	2.3	3.8	11.5	3.8	0.7	†
75 percent or more	3.0	3.0	—	—	—	6.7	5.5	—	—	—	5.6	5.9	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some schools with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 78,000 public schools.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.2—Percentage of public schools that reported one or more less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	27.8	30.4	28.2	31.8	21.3	30.7	34.5	28.9	36.1	24.0	37.8	40.9	37.3	43.6	30.1
Instructional level															
Elementary school	12.1	13.3	14.9	11.2	8.6	18.8	21.3	17.4	23.3	13.7	30.5	31.6	31.7	38.5	20.6
Middle school	51.2	65.8	47.8	49.9	42.5	44.0	60.7	44.1	44.3	26.6	47.3	60.4	43.8	44.8	41.6
High school	55.1	74.3	63.3	67.2	35.5	55.2	69.7	61.2	61.6	42.5	51.7	64.8	54.0	55.8	42.9
Region															
Northeast	22.8	20.6	21.8	28.2	17.9	26.4	34.7	20.8	31.1	20.2	37.0	37.8	31.4	45.7	33.0
Southeast	28.7	31.8	31.0	32.2	21.2	31.7	25.6	39.8	34.6	28.0	36.4	39.2	38.1	35.8	33.6
Central	26.4	26.4	29.5	34.5	19.5	25.7	27.8	22.3	36.7	19.6	30.3	35.0	29.7	30.0	28.1
West	31.6	36.9	31.9	31.6	25.3	37.6	44.2	36.7	41.0	28.0	46.6	47.5	50.0	61.7	28.9
School enrollment															
Less than 300	16.6	—	—	15.9	18.0	17.6	—	—	23.8	19.3	23.4	—	—	26.1	24.6
300–999	26.5	24.2	23.8	33.1	24.1	30.5	28.5	26.6	37.6	28.6	40.1	36.6	38.0	47.8	37.1
1,000 or more	67.0	69.7	61.7	74.3	—	68.0	75.0	63.3	64.4	—	61.6	64.5	61.3	63.7	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	22.3	—	22.3	29.3	17.4	24.2	—	20.1	32.3	20.3	29.1	—	27.3	35.7	24.7
5–19 percent	27.4	19.6	30.7	30.0	25.9	28.1	21.6	27.2	35.7	26.2	40.0	41.2	45.7	41.4	26.0
20–49 percent	31.5	40.9	26.3	36.8	21.5	30.5	30.6	34.5	31.2	24.2	37.8	37.8	33.3	42.1	39.8
50 percent or more	31.7	29.3	32.7	33.0	37.4	41.3	43.0	32.5	47.1	42.1	46.9	42.9	39.2	65.3	51.1
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	28.9	27.5	29.6	38.4	18.4	30.0	26.4	29.5	40.8	21.2	37.3	40.1	37.6	40.2	32.0
21–34 percent	27.3	32.4	33.0	26.8	21.4	24.7	39.2	21.9	29.5	15.5	33.6	45.0	42.4	38.1	17.7
35–49 percent	28.3	48.9	20.8	30.6	21.2	34.8	47.2	35.3	36.5	27.7	37.9	56.6	22.3	40.6	35.8
50–74 percent	28.0	33.0	28.5	29.5	21.6	31.1	32.1	31.6	37.2	23.8	39.2	32.8	35.4	49.6	37.1
75 percent or more	24.8	23.1	—	—	—	35.5	33.5	—	—	—	41.6	39.8	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.3—Number of public schools that reported one or more incidents of serious violent crime to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	2,326	912	707	256	451	4,695	1,845	1,230	580	1,039	2,389	1,461	520	171	237
Instructional level															
Elementary school	404	141	115	†	149	1,108	499	254	†	355	395	239	53	†	103
Middle school	731	281	265	91	93	1,626	665	379	247	335	760	467	242	†	51
High school	1,192	491	328	164	209	1,960	681	597	334	349	1,235	755	226	171	83
Region															
Northeast	333	124	112	36	61	627	224	203	36	165	468	233	116	36	82
Southeast	595	155	290	120	31	850	456	146	90	158	394	220	85	36	52
Central	661	327	61	†	273	1,313	298	454	98	463	582	356	123	†	103
West	738	307	245	100	86	1,904	868	427	356	253	946	652	196	98	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	255	—	—	68	154	383	—	—	187	135	101	—	—	68	†
300–999	1,232	334	473	128	297	2,804	1,051	658	273	821	1,123	619	194	73	237
1,000 or more	840	545	235	60	—	1,508	794	512	120	—	1,166	810	326	30	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	430	—	97	66	247	773	—	61	158	515	231	—	61	36	133
5–19 percent	557	210	223	68	56	974	156	418	265	136	366	215	57	68	26
20–49 percent	636	341	116	62	117	1,320	589	424	121	185	520	424	59	36	†
50 percent or more	704	342	272	60	31	1,628	1,060	328	36	203	1,273	822	344	30	78
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	531	123	244	66	98	946	218	359	261	108	222	110	86	†	26
21–34 percent	589	167	217	†	205	1,120	308	368	100	344	473	226	77	36	133
35–49 percent	566	250	138	62	117	785	426	26	32	301	373	279	57	36	†
50–74 percent	250	166	85	†	†	959	528	271	60	100	607	456	121	30	†
75 percent or more	373	191	—	—	—	844	349	—	—	—	698	373	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some schools with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 78,000 public schools. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.1—Number of public schools that reported one or more less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	21,600	5,500	5,400	6,200	4,500	23,800	6,200	5,400	7,100	5,100	29,300	7,400	7,000	8,500	6,400
Instructional level															
Elementary school	5,800	1,700	1,900	1,200	1,000	9,000	2,700	2,200	2,600	1,600	14,600	3,900	4,000	4,200	2,400
Middle school	7,200	2,000	1,700	2,200	1,300	6,200	1,900	1,600	1,900	800	6,600	1,800	1,600	2,000	1,300
High school	8,600	1,800	1,800	2,800	2,200	8,600	1,700	1,700	2,600	2,600	8,100	1,600	1,500	2,300	2,600
Region															
Northeast	3,400	600	1,200	1,200	400	4,000	1,000	1,100	1,300	500	5,600	1,100	1,700	2,000	800
Southeast	4,900	1,200	1,000	1,600	1,000	5,400	1,000	1,300	1,700	1,400	6,200	1,500	1,300	1,800	1,700
Central	5,900	1,200	1,400	1,700	1,500	5,800	1,300	1,100	1,800	1,600	6,800	1,600	1,400	1,500	2,200
West	7,300	2,400	1,700	1,700	1,500	8,700	2,900	1,900	2,200	1,700	10,700	3,100	2,600	3,300	1,700
School enrollment															
Less than 300	3,400	—	—	700	2,100	3,600	—	—	1,100	2,200	4,700	—	—	1,200	2,800
300–999	13,300	3,200	3,300	4,500	2,200	15,200	3,800	3,700	5,100	2,600	20,000	4,900	5,200	6,500	3,400
1,000 or more	4,900	2,100	1,700	1,000	—	5,000	2,200	1,700	900	—	4,500	1,900	1,700	800	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	5,400	—	800	2,300	2,000	5,900	—	700	2,500	2,400	7,000	—	1,000	2,800	2,900
5–19 percent	4,800	700	1,900	1,400	800	4,900	800	1,700	1,700	800	7,000	1,500	2,800	1,900	800
20–49 percent	5,600	2,000	1,400	1,400	800	5,400	1,500	1,800	1,200	900	6,700	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,500
50 percent or more	5,500	2,500	1,200	1,000	800	7,200	3,700	1,200	1,400	900	8,200	3,700	1,400	1,900	1,100
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	5,300	700	2,100	1,800	800	5,500	700	2,100	1,900	900	6,900	1,100	2,600	1,800	1,300
21–34 percent	4,700	800	1,300	1,400	1,200	4,300	1,000	900	1,500	900	5,800	1,200	1,700	1,900	1,000
35–49 percent	3,700	1,100	500	1,000	1,000	4,500	1,000	900	1,200	1,300	4,900	1,300	600	1,300	1,700
50–74 percent	4,500	1,300	900	1,300	1,000	5,000	1,300	1,000	1,700	1,100	6,200	1,300	1,100	2,200	1,600
75 percent or more	3,100	1,500	—	—	—	4,400	2,100	—	—	—	5,200	2,500	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.5—Number of serious violent criminal incidents occurring in public schools reported to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	4,200	1,900	1,100	300	800	11,000	5,400	2,100	1,700	1,800	7,200	4,500	1,500	600	500
Instructional level															
Elementary school	700	300	100	†	300	1,600	900	300	†	500	400	200	100	†	100
Middle school	1,400	600	600	100	200	4,100	2,700	600	300	500	2,300	1,900	300	†	100
High school	2,100	1,100	500	200	400	5,300	1,800	1,200	1,400	800	4,400	2,400	1,200	600	300
Region															
Northeast	500	200	200	‡	100	1,100	600	300	‡	200	1,600	900	200	300	200
Southeast	1,200	400	500	200	200	1,600	900	500	100	200	1,300	300	700	‡	300
Central	1,200	600	100	†	500	4,300	2,400	500	200	1,100	2,100	1,600	400	†	100
West	1,300	700	400	100	100	3,900	1,600	700	1,300	400	2,200	1,600	300	300	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	300	—	—	100	200	1,400	—	—	1,000	300	200	—	—	200	†
300–999	2,000	600	700	100	600	5,700	3,300	700	300	1,400	3,000	1,900	300	300	500
1,000 or more	1,800	1,300	500	100	—	3,900	2,100	1,300	400	—	3,900	2,600	1,300	100	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	700	—	100	100	500	900	—	100	200	600	300	—	100	‡	200
5–19 percent	800	400	300	100	100	2,400	400	600	1,300	100	600	300	100	200	100
20–49 percent	1,500	800	300	100	200	2,200	1,100	600	200	300	1,500	900	300	300	†
50 percent or more	1,200	700	400	100	‡	5,400	3,900	700	‡	800	4,800	3,400	1,100	100	300
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	800	300	300	100	200	1,400	300	400	500	200	700	300	300	†	100
21–34 percent	1,100	400	400	†	400	2,400	900	1,000	100	400	1,500	700	600	‡	200
35–49 percent	1,000	500	100	100	200	1,500	1,000	‡	‡	400	900	500	100	300	†
50–74 percent	600	400	200	†	†	2,900	2,300	500	100	100	2,000	1,700	200	100	†
75 percent or more	600	400	—	—	—	2,700	900	—	—	—	2,000	1,200	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.
†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some schools with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.
‡Values are less than 50.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.6—Number of less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents occurring in public schools reported to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	187,900	62,100	54,800	46,300	24,700	115,500	39,900	28,300	29,000	18,300	98,500	32,700	22,800	25,700	17,200
Instructional level															
Elementary school	21,500	2,900	8,300	7,400	3,000	19,500	5,700	6,400	4,600	2,900	34,800	9,000	10,800	10,000	5,000
Middle school	73,300	34,100	19,100	14,700	5,400	31,500	12,300	8,100	7,700	3,400	23,800	9,400	4,000	7,000	3,400
High school	93,100	25,200	27,400	24,300	16,300	64,600	22,000	13,800	16,700	12,100	39,900	14,300	8,000	8,700	8,900
Region															
Northeast	29,100	8,800	12,200	5,000	3,000	18,100	4,000	6,000	5,500	2,600	17,100	4,400	4,700	6,700	1,200
Southeast	50,700	9,800	22,700	11,400	6,800	23,300	7,400	6,400	5,300	4,200	17,300	5,600	3,900	3,700	4,200
Central	45,600	18,300	8,200	10,900	8,200	23,000	7,500	4,200	6,000	5,300	18,600	4,400	3,000	4,400	6,700
West	62,500	25,200	11,700	19,000	6,700	51,200	21,100	11,700	12,200	6,200	45,500	18,300	11,200	10,900	5,000
School enrollment															
Less than 300	15,600	—	—	5,800	8,200	9,900	—	—	3,200	6,100	12,300	—	—	4,200	6,900
300–999	87,900	27,500	18,400	27,600	14,500	51,400	13,500	9,900	17,400	10,700	54,000	15,100	11,600	17,300	10,000
1,000 or more	84,400	34,200	35,300	12,900	—	54,200	25,900	18,300	8,400	—	32,200	16,700	11,000	4,200	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	24,300	—	3,100	11,200	8,300	21,400	—	3,400	8,100	8,700	18,700	—	2,400	7,500	8,100
5–19 percent	35,600	5,500	15,600	10,500	3,900	29,400	5,800	10,500	9,500	3,600	19,700	3,400	8,000	6,700	1,600
20–49 percent	54,000	16,800	17,500	13,400	6,200	25,900	11,000	8,800	3,000	3,100	18,500	7,300	4,000	3,700	3,400
50 percent or more	72,600	38,100	18,500	9,800	6,200	34,800	21,500	5,500	4,900	2,900	40,400	21,400	8,500	6,600	4,000
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	40,000	6,400	16,100	12,900	4,500	29,500	7,200	10,100	8,300	3,900	19,300	3,600	7,100	5,500	3,200
21–34 percent	34,900	8,800	13,800	7,300	5,000	26,100	7,400	6,200	8,100	4,400	17,700	4,700	4,900	5,600	2,500
35–49 percent	33,300	10,700	8,700	7,200	6,800	21,600	6,500	5,100	5,100	4,900	14,700	4,400	1,600	4,000	4,800
50–74 percent	45,900	22,900	9,200	10,100	3,700	22,400	10,600	4,500	4,800	2,500	20,100	8,000	2,500	6,400	3,300
75 percent or more	28,800	13,200	—	—	—	15,800	8,200	—	—	—	25,800	12,000	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.7—Number of serious violent criminal incidents reported to police per 1,000 public school students, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Instructional level															
Elementary school	0.0	0.0	0.0	†	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	†	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	†	0.0
Middle school	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.1	†	0.1
High school	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2
Region															
Northeast	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Southeast	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Central	0.1	0.2	0.0	†	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.1	†	0.0
West	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	0.1	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.4	—	—	1.2	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.2	†
300–999	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
1,000 or more	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	—	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	—	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	0.1	—	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	—	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
5–19 percent	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
20–49 percent	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	†
50 percent or more	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.4
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	†	0.0
21–34 percent	0.1	0.2	0.2	†	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
35–49 percent	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	†
50–74 percent	0.1	0.1	0.1	†	†	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	†
75 percent or more	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	0.4	0.2	—	—	—	0.3	0.3	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some schools with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 42,336,819 public school students. Values of 0.0 are less than 0.05.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 8.8—Number of less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents reported to police per 1,000 public school students, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.6	3.5	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.5	2.4
Instructional level															
Elementary school	1.0	0.4	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.3
Middle school	8.7	13.8	7.4	6.4	5.1	3.7	5.0	3.1	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.8	1.5	3.1	3.1
High school	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.2	7.6	5.6	6.9	4.2	5.7	5.6	3.4	4.5	2.4	2.9	4.2
Region															
Northeast	3.5	4.1	4.0	2.3	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.0	2.1	1.5	3.1	1.2
Southeast	4.9	3.6	8.9	4.0	3.0	2.3	2.7	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.5	1.3	1.9
Central	4.6	7.2	2.9	4.7	3.6	2.3	2.9	1.5	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.9	3.0
West	4.6	4.8	2.8	6.7	4.4	3.7	4.0	2.8	4.3	4.1	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.8	3.3
School enrollment															
Less than 300	4.2	—	—	6.7	4.2	2.6	—	—	3.7	3.1	3.3	—	—	4.9	3.6
300–999	3.1	3.6	2.3	3.6	3.1	1.8	1.8	1.2	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.5	2.3	2.1
1,000 or more	7.9	7.5	8.9	7.6	—	5.1	5.7	4.6	4.9	—	3.0	3.7	2.8	2.5	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	2.5	—	1.6	3.2	2.3	2.2	—	1.7	2.3	2.4	2.0	—	1.2	2.1	2.3
5–19 percent	3.5	2.6	3.6	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.4	3.7	3.1	1.9	1.6	1.8	2.6	1.4
20–49 percent	5.3	5.2	5.4	6.3	4.2	2.5	3.4	2.7	1.4	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.2	1.7	2.3
50 percent or more	6.0	5.6	6.3	6.1	8.7	2.9	3.2	1.9	3.0	4.1	3.4	3.2	2.9	4.1	5.6
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	3.5	3.2	3.2	4.7	3.0	2.6	3.6	2.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	1.8	1.4	2.0	2.1
21–34 percent	3.8	4.3	5.3	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.6	2.4	3.1	2.2	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.1	1.3
35–49 percent	4.9	6.2	5.7	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.8	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.5	1.0	2.3	2.7
50–74 percent	5.7	8.0	4.7	4.6	3.5	2.8	3.7	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	1.3	2.9	3.1
75 percent or more	4.3	3.4	—	—	—	2.3	2.1	—	—	—	3.8	3.1	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 42,336,819 public school students.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 9.1—Number of nonfatal crimes against teachers and average annual number of crimes per 1,000 teachers at school, by type of crime and selected teacher characteristics. Aggregated from 1993 to 1997

Teacher characteristics	Total crimes from 1993 to 1997				Average annual number of crimes per 1,000 teachers			
	Total[1]	Theft	Violent[2]	Serious violent[3]	Total[1]	Theft	Violent[2]	Serious violent[3]
Total	1,771,300	1,114,100	657,100	78,000	84	53	31	4
Instructional level								
Elementary	639,500	444,100	195,500	44,100	57	40	18	4
Middle/Junior high	538,000	291,100	246,900	15,400[4]	131	71	60	4[4]
Senior high	593,700	378,900	214,800	18,500[4]	102	65	37	3[4]
Sex								
Male	499,000	261,000	238,000	20,800	95	50	45	4[4]
Female	1,272,300	853,200	419,100	57,200	81	54	27	4
Race–ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	1,523,700	942,600	581,100	65,200	87	54	33	4
Black, non-Hispanic	152,500	107,900	44,600	10,500[4]	76	54	22	5[4]
Hispanic	70,100	47,200	22,900[4]	†	67	45	22[4]	†
Other, non-Hispanic	14,600[4]	8,300[4]	6,300[4]	2,300[4]	49	28[4]	21[4]	8[4]
Urbanicity of school[5]								
Urban	1,005,300	628,500	376,800	46,100	105	65	39	5
Suburban	437,700	294,100	143,600	16,300[4]	67	45	22	3[4]
Rural	238,500	136,900	101,600	9,800[4]	61	35	26	3[4]

†No cases were reported in this cell, although the crime defined by the cell could have happened to some teachers with these characteristics if a different sample had been drawn.

[1]Total crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, and theft.

[2]Violent crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.

[3]Serious violent crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault, which are included in violent crime.

[4]The estimate was based on fewer than 10 cases.

[5]Teachers teaching in more than one school in different locales are not included.

NOTE: The data were aggregated from 1993 to 1997 due to the small number of teachers in each year's sample. On average, there were about 4.2 million teachers per year over the 5-year period for a total population size of 21,062,797 teachers. The average annual number of full-time-equivalent teachers is approximately 2.9 million. The population reported here includes part-time teachers as well as other instructional and support staff. Due to rounding or missing data, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993 to 1997.

Table 10.1—Percentage and number of teachers who reported that they were threatened with injury or that they were physically attacked by a student during the past 12 months, by urbanicity and selected teacher and school characteristics: 1993–94 school year

	Teachers threatened with injury by a student								Teachers physically attacked by a student							
	Percent				Number				Percent				Number			
Selected characteristics	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural
Total	11.7	15.1	10.7	9.8	341,000	132,100	99,600	109,300	4.1	5.6	4.0	3.1	119,200	48,100	37,000	34,100
Sex																
Male	14.7	19.5	14.0	11.8	115,900	45,100	33,800	37,000	3.9	5.8	3.6	2.7	30,800	13,500	8,800	8,500
Female	10.5	13.5	9.5	9.1	225,100	87,000	65,800	72,400	4.2	5.4	4.1	3.3	88,400	34,600	28,200	25,700
Race–ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	11.5	15.4	10.5	9.9	294,300	103,900	88,400	102,000	4.1	5.7	3.9	3.1	102,700	37,900	32,800	32,000
Black, non-Hispanic	11.9	13.0	12.6	8.5	23,600	14,600	5,300	3,700	3.9	4.2	4.3	2.4	7,700	4,800	1,900	1,000
Hispanic	13.1	15.3	10.6	10.1	15,800	10,200	3,400	2,200	5.2	6.4	4.3	2.7	6,100	4,200	1,300	500
Other, non-Hispanic	13.4	16.9	13.0	9.4	7,300	3,300	2,500	1,400	5.2	6.6	5.0	3.6	2,800	1,200	1,000	500
Teacher level																
Elementary	8.7	11.7	7.4	7.3	133,600	56,300	35,900	41,400	4.9	6.5	4.6	3.8	75,400	31,100	22,400	22,000
Secondary	15.0	19.3	14.2	12.5	207,400	75,800	63,700	67,900	3.2	4.3	3.2	2.2	43,800	17,000	14,600	12,200
Control																
Public	12.8	17.8	11.6	10.2	325,400	126,800	92,600	106,000	4.4	6.4	4.2	3.2	110,700	45,100	32,900	32,600
Private	4.2	3.3	5.0	4.6	15,600	5,300	7,000	3,300	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.1	8,500	3,000	4,000	1,500

NOTE: Population size is 2,940,000 teachers. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey, 1993–94 (Teacher and School Questionnaires).

Table 11.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon on school property at least 1 day in the past 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	11.8	9.8	8.5
Sex			
Male	17.9	14.3	12.5
Female	5.1	4.9	3.7
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	10.9	9.0	7.8
Black, non-Hispanic	15.0	10.3	9.2
Hispanic	13.3	14.1	10.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.5	5.7	4.0
Other, non-Hispanic	17.3	13.0	10.9
Grade			
9th	12.6	10.7	10.2
10th	11.5	10.4	7.7
11th	11.9	10.2	9.4
12th	10.8	7.6	7.0
Ungraded or other	24.7	88.9	16.2

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 11.2—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon at any time at least 1 day in the past 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	22.1	20.0	18.3
Sex			
Male	34.3	31.1	27.7
Female	9.2	8.3	7.0
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	20.6	18.9	17.0
Black, non-Hispanic	28.5	21.8	21.7
Hispanic	24.4	24.7	23.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.0	14.6	9.2
Other, non-Hispanic	29.8	24.8	19.2
Grade			
9th	25.5	22.6	22.6
10th	21.4	21.1	17.4
11th	21.5	20.3	18.2
12th	19.9	16.1	15.4
Ungraded or other	40.3	95.2	16.7

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 12.1—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported fearing being attacked or harmed at school or on the way to and from school, by selected student characteristics: 1989 and 1995

	Feared attack or harm at school*								Feared attack or harm on the way to and from school*							
	1989				1995				1989				1995			
Student characteristics	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Total	5.5	7.5	4.8	4.8	8.6	12.3	7.5	7.1	4.4	8.2	3.5	2.3	6.7	11.7	5.3	4.1
Sex																
Male	5.7	7.8	5.1	4.6	8.3	11.1	7.4	7.2	3.8	6.5	3.4	1.9	5.4	9.6	4.3	3.1
Female	5.4	7.2	4.5	5.0	9.0	13.5	7.5	7.0	5.1	9.9	3.6	2.6	8.0	13.9	6.4	5.1
Race–ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	4.4	5.7	4.1	4.1	6.2	8.7	5.7	5.7	2.8	4.7	2.7	1.9	3.8	7.5	3.0	3.1
Black, non-Hispanic	6.8	7.3	6.0	6.5	13.4	14.7	11.2	13.4	7.9	11.4	5.7	2.8	13.1	14.7	15.6	5.5
Hispanic	11.4	13.5	10.2	7.6	15.9	16.3	17.1	11.9	10.1	13.0	7.8	6.3	14.1	15.8	13.1	11.9
Other, non-Hispanic	8.0	6.3	7.7	12.5	9.3	12.0	9.2	3.7	6.0	6.7	6.2	4.0	8.1	14.0	5.6	5.4

*Includes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way.

NOTE: "At school" means in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table 13.1—Percentage and number of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that they avoided one or more places in school, by urbanicity and selected student characteristics: 1989 and 1995

	Percent								Number							
	1989				1995				1989				1995			
Student characteristics	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Total	5.1	6.9	4.1	5.1	8.7	11.8	7.9	6.9	1,096,000	400,100	409,000	287,000	2,073,900	741,900	897,200	434,900
Sex																
Male	5.1	6.9	4.0	5.2	8.7	12.4	7.6	7.2	569,000	203,200	210,600	155,300	1,077,000	397,700	446,700	232,600
Female	5.1	6.8	4.1	4.9	8.6	11.1	8.2	6.7	527,000	196,900	198,400	131,700	996,900	344,200	450,500	202,300
Race–ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	4.5	5.6	4.0	4.6	7.0	8.7	6.5	6.9	685,600	160,300	321,300	204,000	1,145,900	242,700	561,700	341,400
Black, non-Hispanic	6.8	7.8	3.2	8.6	12.0	14.1	11.0	8.0	229,000	135,500	28,300	65,200	448,900	270,100	117,400	61,400
Hispanic	6.5	8.1	5.2	4.5	13.0	14.2	15.0	5.0	131,600	78,200	40,900	12,500	377,300	188,100	166,000	23,100
Other, non-Hispanic	6.3	9.6	4.7	4.3	10.9	14.5	10.0	6.9	49,800	26,100	18,400	5,300	102,000	40,900	52,000	9,000
Age																
12	6.5	8.8	4.9	6.8	11.6	13.2	12.2	8.8	209,300	77,500	71,900	59,800	432,900	128,400	218,900	85,600
13	6.0	6.7	6.5	4.5	10.9	11.2	11.2	10.1	200,600	58,800	103,400	38,400	411,600	114,700	196,100	100,800
14	6.3	8.4	5.0	6.3	8.6	11.7	7.7	7.1	203,900	73,100	76,700	54,000	320,800	115,600	139,400	65,900
15	5.0	8.4	3.2	4.8	8.7	15.0	6.3	6.2	160,900	72,000	49,400	39,500	321,300	153,300	108,700	59,200
16	4.0	6.0	2.9	3.8	6.8	9.0	6.5	5.5	130,500	52,000	45,300	33,100	250,500	80,100	114,100	56,300
17	3.6	3.6	3.1	4.6	6.5	10.2	4.7	6.0	118,000	32,100	46,700	39,100	205,200	86,300	71,400	47,500
18	3.5	5.4	1.7	4.6	5.8	10.3	4.5	3.8	60,900	26,300	13,600	21,000	105,600	48,000	38,100	19,500
19	5.2	10.8	2.2	2.8	7.9	15.4	7.9	†	12,100	8,300	2,000	1,900	26,000	15,500	10,500	†
Control																
Public	5.4	7.5	4.4	5.0	9.3	13.2	8.6	7.1	1,042,200	383,400	394,900	263,900	2,022,700	720,500	869,700	432,600
Private	1.5	1.7	1.2	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.2	1.2	28,200	11,000	11,300	5,900	49,100	21,400	25,400	2,200

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: Places include the entrance into the school, any hallways and stairs in the school, parts of the school cafeteria, any school restrooms, and other places inside the school building. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table 11.1—Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that street gangs were present at school, by urbanicity and selected student characteristics: 1989 and 1995

Student characteristics	1989				1995			
	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Total	15.3	24.8	14.0	7.9	28.4	40.7	26.3	19.9
Sex								
Male	15.8	27.5	13.7	7.8	28.9	40.7	27.2	20.4
Female	14.8	22.1	14.3	7.9	27.9	40.8	25.3	19.3
Race–ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	11.7	19.8	11.2	7.3	23.0	34.0	22.6	17.8
Black, non-Hispanic	19.8	24.2	17.5	12.7	34.7	42.2	32.9	18.4
Hispanic	31.6	37.2	33.9	5.5	49.5	53.5	47.9	41.9
Other, non-Hispanic	25.4	37.4	23.6	4.4	31.2	36.7	28.5	30.2
Age								
12	12.1	16.7	11.4	8.4	19.3	29.0	16.9	14.1
13	14.5	22.2	13.5	8.3	26.7	36.0	26.3	18.0
14	17.9	28.1	17.3	8.5	30.6	44.6	27.8	21.1
15	16.2	29.8	12.6	8.8	32.7	46.6	30.3	22.1
16	16.4	27.0	15.6	7.1	30.2	43.2	29.1	20.5
17	15.3	24.1	14.8	7.0	31.0	44.6	26.3	25.7
18	14.5	25.3	12.7	6.0	28.8	39.6	29.0	18.6
19	16.9	36.1	7.0	7.6	30.7	54.1	23.8	15.9
Control								
Public	16.5	27.2	15.3	8.1	30.6	45.4	28.6	20.5
Private	4.4	6.1	3.7	2.7	6.8	9.6	5.6	2.2

NOTE: "At school" was not defined for the questionnaire respondent. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table 15.1—Percentage and number of public schools that reported that 1 or more of 17 discipline issues* was a serious problem in their school, by urbanicity and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Percent					Number				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	16.0	18.6	14.1	15.7	15.7	12,400	3,300	2,700	3,100	3,300
Instructional level										
Elementary school	8.4	11.7	6.6	6.2	9.1	4,100	1,500	800	700	1,100
Middle school	18.4	23.8	15.2	18.5	16.6	2,600	700	500	800	500
High school	36.9	47.3	46.1	37.9	28.0	5,800	1,200	1,300	1,600	1,700
Region										
Northeast	13.2	22.5	9.5	13.8	8.8	2,000	700	500	600	200
Southeast	18.4	18.7	15.3	20.1	18.5	3,100	700	500	1,000	900
Central	13.6	12.2	16.2	15.0	11.9	3,100	600	800	800	900
West	18.3	21.2	16.3	13.7	21.1	4,300	1,400	900	700	1,200
School size										
Less than 300	9.5	10.0	†	8.0	12.0	1,900	200	†	400	1,400
300–999	15.4	15.4	11.8	16.3	19.6	7,700	2,100	1,600	2,200	1,800
1,000 or more	37.6	37.4	38.3	37.2	34.7	2,800	1,100	1,000	500	100
Minority enrollment										
Less than 5 percent	10.3	5.5	7.1	13.8	9.4	2,500	‡	300	1,100	1,100
5–19 percent	17.3	15.2	16.5	21.2	15.3	3,000	500	1,000	1,000	500
20–49 percent	17.0	17.5	12.8	13.0	26.2	3,000	900	700	500	1,000
50 percent or more	21.7	21.8	18.9	16.4	33.1	3,800	1,900	700	500	700
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility										
Less than 20 percent	13.1	15.7	11.8	17.4	9.0	2,400	400	800	800	400
21–34 percent	15.6	22.9	17.0	15.4	11.4	2,700	600	700	800	600
35–49 percent	19.0	28.5	1.9	23.1	21.0	2,500	600	‡	800	1,000
50–74 percent	16.0	14.0	25.4	9.3	17.8	2,600	600	800	400	800
75 percent or more	17.5	17.6	13.8	14.4	23.8	2,200	1,100	300	300	500

*Student tardiness, student absenteeism/class cutting, physical conflicts among students, robbery or theft of items worth over $10, vandalism of school property, student alcohol use, student drug use, sale of drugs on school grounds, student tobacco use, student possession of weapons, trespassing, verbal abuse of teachers, physical abuse of teachers, teacher absenteeism, teacher alcohol or drug use, racial tensions, and gangs.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

‡Values are less than 50.

NOTE: "At school" was not defined for the questionnaire respondent. Population size is 78,000 public schools. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table 16.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using alcohol in the last 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	Anywhere			On school property		
	1993	1995*	1997*	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	48.0	51.6	50.8	5.2	6.3	5.6
Sex						
Male	50.1	53.2	53.3	6.2	7.2	7.2
Female	45.9	49.9	47.8	4.2	5.3	3.6
Race–ethnicity						
White, non-Hispanic	49.9	54.1	54.0	4.6	5.6	4.8
Black, non-Hispanic	42.5	42.0	36.9	6.9	7.6	5.6
Hispanic	50.8	54.7	53.9	6.8	9.7	8.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	26.4	29.6	23.0	3.0	3.7	2.3
Other, non-Hispanic	43.6	54.7	53.2	9.1	7.2	8.2
Grade						
9th	40.5	45.6	44.2	5.2	7.5	5.9
10th	44.0	49.5	47.2	4.7	5.9	4.6
11th	49.7	53.7	53.2	5.2	5.7	6.0
12th	56.4	56.5	57.3	5.5	6.2	5.9

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 17.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using marijuana in the last 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	Anywhere			On school property		
	1993	1995*	1997*	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	17.7	25.3	26.2	5.6	8.8	7.0
Sex						
Male	20.6	28.4	30.2	7.8	11.9	9.0
Female	14.6	22.0	21.4	3.3	5.5	4.6
Race–ethnicity						
White, non-Hispanic	17.3	24.5	25.0	5.0	7.1	5.8
Black, non-Hispanic	18.6	28.6	28.2	7.3	12.3	9.1
Hispanic	19.4	27.8	28.6	7.5	12.9	10.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.8	12.8	11.0	3.7	7.7	2.5
Other, non-Hispanic	25.3	28.5	32.4	8.9	13.1	9.5
Grade						
9th	13.2	20.9	23.6	4.4	8.7	8.1
10th	16.5	25.5	25.0	6.5	9.8	6.4
11th	18.4	27.6	29.3	6.5	8.6	7.9
12th	22.0	26.2	26.6	5.1	8.0	5.7

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table 18.1—Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	24.0	32.1	31.7
Sex			
Male	28.5	38.8	37.4
Female	19.1	24.8	24.7
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	24.1	31.7	31.0
Black, non-Hispanic	17.5	28.5	25.4
Hispanic	34.1	40.7	41.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	14.7	26.5	25.2
Other, non-Hispanic	29.2	33.4	35.2
Grade			
9th	21.8	31.1	31.4
10th	23.7	35.0	33.4
11th	27.5	32.8	33.2
12th	23.0	29.1	29.0

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

STANDARD ERROR TABLES

Table S1.1a—Standard errors for table 1.1a: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	198,370	153,120	100,850	40,700	162,900	120,580	88,770	35,470	145,100	107,810	78,580	32,520
Sex												
Male	144,430	107,630	79,880	34,510	114,440	82,460	66,440	26,230	100,210	73,110	57,220	24,820
Female	111,330	91,740	51,360	19,040	95,770	74,610	49,550	21,540	87,190	67,350	45,770	18,780
Age												
12–14	135,560	100,080	76,430	33,310	112,960	81,110	65,960	26,410	101,110	72,440	59,200	24,910
15–18	121,170	99,660	55,740	20,810	97,400	76,030	50,130	21,330	86,220	68,050	43,440	18,690
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	164,190	127,990	83,030	30,630	135,350	101,090	73,570	26,900	116,160	88,490	61,210	23,330
Black, non-Hispanic	57,210	42,280	34,270	20,530	47,520	35,070	28,380	17,650	44,500	32,380	27,000	12,760
Hispanic	45,580	35,360	25,710	11,920[3]	37,350	27,330	22,930	9,000	38,500	27,080	24,620	13,900
Other, non-Hispanic	26,190	24,010	9,350	†	17,940	14,860	9,260	3,930[3]	17,370	13,690	9,880	5,570[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	86,020	66,450	46,580	24,050	69,720	50,180	41,960	18,990	62,530	43,640	39,100	20,320
Suburban	133,300	104,970	67,150	26,630	109,610	84,200	57,610	22,360	98,030	74,090	53,010	21,370
Rural	75,950	58,570	41,650	13,920[3]	62,430	46,010	36,640	15,660	54,610	44,040	27,320	8,580
Household income												
Less than $7,500	41,070	28,830	26,810	12,280[3]	31,820	19,530	23,470	9,520	23,720	15,970	16,330	10,320
$7,500–14,999	48,700	35,910	29,600	14,670[3]	37,650	28,210	22,340	10,960	32,500	24,940	18,620	6,310[3]
$15,000–24,999	55,070	36,220	37,820	17,480	46,480	32,730	29,550	10,900	41,700	31,930	23,540	10,820
$25,000–34,999	60,640	48,610	31,440	9,530[3]	56,670	45,480	28,840	10,990	45,410	32,000	28,670	12,190
$35,000–49,999	78,940	65,880	36,360	14,740[3]	56,010	42,450	31,740	14,090	52,950	40,630	29,250	11,630
$50,000–74,999	62,170	54,390	25,270	7,970[3]	54,430	43,170	28,480	12,010	49,760	37,960	27,910	11,970
$75,000 or more	52,490	41,320	28,530	13,110[3]	41,750	35,070	19,540	7,920[3]	38,870	32,060	19,010	7,080[3]

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

[1]The 1992 through 1994 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table S1.1b—Standard errors for table 1.1b: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics, 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	137,010	102,220	73,970	26,320	132,070	99,940	69,890	27,090	125,760	93,670	71,460	27,750
Sex												
Male	96,800	71,360	54,550	20,680	92,850	66,540	54,740	21,410	89,920	64,160	55,150	22,070
Female	80,210	61,890	42,460	14,670	78,100	64,060	36,430	14,950	75,780	60,210	39,470	15,420
Age												
12–14	98,330	70,630	57,480	20,770	91,400	67,120	52,090	17,540	85,940	61,180	52,980	20,300
15–18	78,500	62,680	38,910	14,570	79,680	63,470	39,710	19,220	80,080	63,220	42,090	17,580
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	111,780	84,240	60,170	18,890	106,330	81,250	56,160	18,560	102,130	75,950	58,740	21,130
Black, non-Hispanic	39,410	28,680	24,110	11,970	38,400	31,160	19,550	11,320	40,350	30,880	23,430	10,460[3]
Hispanic	35,400	26,300	21,190	9,840	36,720	25,700	23,710	12,150	33,330	24,680	20,560	10,980
Other, non-Hispanic	17,830	15,500	8,020	4,770[3]	18,730	14,990	10,340	5,590[3]	19,580	17,210	8,580[3]	4,050[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	59,070	44,260	33,640	16,410	61,300	45,260	35,680	17,440	60,360	45,120	35,480	17,730
Suburban	94,130	70,700	51,590	16,240	89,360	67,330	48,980	17,350	86,960	63,680	51,590	19,080
Rural	49,870	38,530	27,350	9,390	45,620	38,360	20,940	7,590[3]	44,120	35,980	22,560	5,860[3]
Household income												
Less than $7,500	20,400	11,900	15,770	8,460	20,470	16,050	11,680	5,920[3]	17,460	11,980	12,120	3,680[3]
$7,500–14,999	30,290	22,200	18,680	9,650	29,030	21,500	17,710	8,300	31,360	22,990	19,680	7,220[3]
$15,000–24,999	39,110	29,710	22,470	7,800[3]	39,090	28,200	24,240	12,250	38,620	29,080	23,060	10,240
$25,000–34,999	43,830	32,840	25,530	10,540	39,790	29,680	23,530	9,500	40,220	30,880	23,240	8,720
$35,000–49,999	50,240	38,410	28,050	9,560	47,830	36,740	26,620	10,810	44,580	31,110	29,140	12,690
$50,000–74,999	47,650	37,630	25,180	9,490	47,590	38,180	24,400	9,350	46,370	37,330	24,310	11,030
$75,000 or more	41,730	33,600	21,430	5,820[3]	39,540	33,470	18,040	6,470[3]	43,790	34,880	23,550	9,080[3]

[1]The 1997 data are new. The 1995 and 1996 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table S1.2a—Standard errors for table 1.2a: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	7.2	5.8	4.0	1.7	5.7	4.4	3.4	1.4	4.9	3.8	2.9	1.3
Sex												
Male	10.0	7.9	6.1	2.8	7.7	5.9	4.9	2.0	6.6	5.1	4.1	1.9
Female	8.6	7.3	4.3	1.6	7.0	5.7	4.0	1.8	6.2	5.0	3.5	1.5
Age												
12–14	10.6	8.3	6.6	3.0	8.4	6.5	5.4	2.3	7.4	5.7	4.8	2.1
15–18	8.3	7.0	4.1	1.6	6.4	5.2	3.6	1.6	5.5	4.5	3.0	1.3
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	8.7	7.1	4.8	1.9	6.9	5.4	4.1	1.6	5.8	4.7	3.4	1.3
Black, non-Hispanic	13.3	10.2	8.4	5.2	10.7	8.2	6.8	4.3	10.0	7.6	6.5	3.2
Hispanic	15.6	12.5	9.4	4.5[3]	11.9	9.1	7.7	3.1	10.8	8.0	7.4	4.3
Other, non-Hispanic	27.5	25.5	10.6[3]	†	18.2	15.4	9.9	4.3[3]	16.5	13.4	9.9	5.7[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	12.1	9.7	7.1	3.8	9.2	6.9	5.9	2.8	8.0	5.9	5.4	2.9
Suburban	9.8	8.1	5.4	2.2	8.0	6.4	4.6	1.9	6.9	5.5	4.1	1.7
Rural	11.7	9.4	6.9	2.4[3]	8.9	6.8	5.6	2.5	7.6	6.3	4.1	1.3
Household income												
Less than $7,500	18.3	13.4	12.6	6.0[3]	13.9	9.0	10.7	4.5	11.4	8.0	8.1	5.3
$7,500–14,999	14.6	11.2	9.4	4.8[3]	12.3	9.6	7.8	3.9	10.8	8.6	6.6	2.3[3]
$15,000–24,999	14.8	10.3	10.7	5.2	11.5	8.6	7.8	3.0	10.1	8.0	6.1	2.9
$25,000–34,999	15.1	12.5	8.4	2.7[3]	13.2	11.1	7.4	3.0	11.2	8.4	7.6	3.4
$35,000–49,999	15.9	13.8	8.2	3.4[3]	11.4	9.1	7.0	3.3	10.1	8.2	6.1	2.5
$50,000–74,999	16.0	14.4	7.2	2.3[3]	12.5	10.4	7.2	3.2	10.7	8.6	6.6	2.9
$75,000 or more	23.9	19.9	14.5	7.0[3]	17.0	14.8	8.9	3.7[3]	13.7	11.8	7.4	2.9[3]

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

[1]The 1992 through 1994 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Population sizes are 23,740,295 students ages 12 through 18 in 1992, 24,557,779 in 1993, and 25,326,989 in 1994.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table S1.2b—Standard errors for table 1.2b: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring at school or going to or from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics, 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	4.6	3.6	2.7	1.0	4.4	3.5	2.5	1.0	4.3	3.3	2.6	1.0
Sex												
Male	6.3	4.9	3.9	1.5	6.1	4.6	3.8	1.6	6.0	4.4	3.8	1.6
Female	5.7	4.6	3.2	1.2	5.5	4.6	2.8	1.2	5.4	4.4	3.0	1.2
Age												
12–14	7.1	5.5	4.6	1.8	6.8	5.3	4.2	1.5	6.6	4.9	4.3	1.7
15–18	5.0	4.1	2.7	1.0	5.0	4.1	2.6	1.3	5.0	4.0	2.8	1.2
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	5.6	4.4	3.3	1.1	5.3	4.3	3.1	1.1	5.3	4.1	3.2	1.2
Black, non-Hispanic	8.8	6.7	5.7	2.9	8.9	7.4	4.8	2.8	9.0	7.1	5.5	2.5[3]
Hispanic	9.7	7.5	6.1	2.9	9.5	6.9	6.4	3.4	8.5	6.5	5.4	3.0
Other, non-Hispanic	15.4	13.6	7.3	4.4[3]	16.0	13.1	9.3	5.1[3]	15.7	13.9	7.2[3]	3.5[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	7.4	5.8	4.5	2.3	7.5	5.8	4.7	2.4	7.3	5.6	4.5	2.3
Suburban	6.5	5.1	3.9	1.3	6.0	4.7	3.5	1.3	6.0	4.5	3.7	1.4
Rural	7.3	5.8	4.2	1.5	7.1	6.1	3.5	1.3[3]	7.1	5.9	3.8	1.0[3]
Household income												
Less than $7,500	10.9	6.6	8.7	4.8	12.0	9.6	7.2	3.7[3]	12.2	8.6	8.7	2.7[3]
$7,500–14,999	9.9	7.5	6.4	3.4	9.7	7.4	6.2	3.0	10.7	8.1	7.0	2.7[3]
$15,000–24,999	10.3	8.2	6.4	2.3[3]	9.9	7.5	6.5	3.4	10.4	8.1	6.5	3.0
$25,000–34,999	10.9	8.6	6.9	3.0	10.5	8.2	6.6	2.8	10.7	8.5	6.5	2.5
$35,000–49,999	9.3	7.4	5.6	2.0	9.3	7.4	5.5	2.3	9.2	6.6	6.3	2.8
$50,000–74,999	10.1	8.3	5.8	2.3	9.7	8.1	5.4	2.1	9.3	7.7	5.2	2.4
$75,000 or more	12.6	10.6	7.1	2.0[3]	11.2	9.7	5.6	2.1[3]	10.9	9.0	6.3	2.5[3]

[1]The 1997 data are new. The 1995 and 1996 entries are revised from those previously published in the original 1998 *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report.

[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Population sizes are 25,715,220 students ages 12 through 18 in 1995; 26,151,364 in 1996; and 26,548,142 in 1997.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table S1.3a—Standard errors for table 1.3a: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	193,820	123,910	127,290	78,020	152,470	98,100	99,400	64,490	134,190	82,740	89,860	56,760
Sex												
Male	140,430	92,750	90,880	56,450	109,140	71,190	71,480	48,610	95,760	58,520	65,980	43,260
Female	109,740	68,810	75,630	47,110	87,720	56,990	58,420	36,460	76,340	49,480	50,640	31,880
Age												
12–14	106,380	73,970	66,140	41,110	80,910	55,260	51,410	33,710	68,930	45,640	45,090	26,970
15–18	143,320	88,270	98,850	61,410	114,950	72,680	77,330	50,810	102,070	61,870	70,520	47,000
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	154,560	101,040	100,510	57,770	119,490	76,560	79,230	47,240	104,620	65,720	69,990	41,250
Black, non-Hispanic	58,550	38,950	39,640	29,570	52,300	35,170	34,720	27,310	42,100	26,870	29,410	22,690
Hispanic	52,580	32,420	38,210	26,400[3]	40,170	26,850	27,260	21,800	38,210	24,250	26,980	20,450
Other, non-Hispanic	28,790	18,600	20,730[3]	15,200[3]	18,350	14,490	10,470	7,820[3]	16,820	11,280	11,790	8,050[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	99,540	63,680	67,780	42,600	81,300	51,860	55,320	38,540	67,510	41,610	47,200	32,490
Suburban	126,290	83,390	82,260	50,710	91,660	60,880	59,550	39,190	85,110	52,770	58,370	36,750
Rural	61,700	39,890	42,770	27,800	55,390	37,070	36,820	21,930	45,560	31,440	29,340	18,360
Household income												
Less than $7,500	52,270	35,520	34,870	21,100[3]	42,740	26,240	31,080	19,650	34,450	21,730	24,590	17,660
$7,500–14,999	60,760	36,000	45,120	32,940	46,810	32,390	30,340	22,500	36,420	22,720	26,150	18,360[3]
$15,000–24,999	67,810	40,810	49,530	30,100	50,530	32,070	35,460	23,910	38,360	23,330	28,000	17,850
$25,000–34,999	61,480	38,000	44,240	27,460[3]	47,290	32,180	31,190	21,390	41,500	26,610	28,900	18,860
$35,000–49,999	59,910	40,440	39,930	21,850[3]	49,780	31,820	34,750	23,210	41,850	27,110	28,870	18,740
$50,000–74,999	51,800	38,420	31,080	18,670[3]	40,150	29,130	24,820	16,310	41,310	28,100	27,190	17,410
$75,000 or more	40,540	31,050	23,550	13,900[3]	29,510	21,190	18,850	11,230[3]	30,850	21,610	20,040	12,770[3]

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[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table S1.3b—Standard errors for table 1.3b: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	126,520	83,180	81,020	46,650	129,080	87,030	80,430	50,970	136,260	89,780	89,930	53,170
Sex												
Male	90,390	58,790	59,620	35,460	95,640	64,910	60,210	38,780	98,300	65,700	64,720	38,470
Female	73,320	50,240	46,360	26,450	70,850	48,600	44,910	28,680	80,880	53,230	54,540	32,960
Age												
12–14	64,900	44,650	41,160	23,230	67,000	47,760	40,680	25,960	70,480	49,290	44,850	26,870
15–18	97,480	63,580	63,840	37,930	98,820	65,610	63,590	40,900	106,880	68,990	72,540	43,350
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	98,390	66,240	62,300	35,380	99,980	67,780	62,840	37,180	107,260	70,750	71,320	41,620
Black, non-Hispanic	42,540	28,390	28,610	16,690	44,000	29,720	29,220	22,140	47,380	32,740	31,220	19,880
Hispanic	34,080	20,620	25,180	16,430	34,790	24,350	22,540	16,670	41,010	26,950	28,600	18,300
Other, non-Hispanic	18,120	13,310	11,470	7,730[3]	18,330	14,390	10,490	8,140[3]	15,330	11,080	10,110	6,270[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	65,540	42,830	43,860	26,810	64,480	42,600	42,770	30,320	72,430	47,960	48,820	32,700
Suburban	79,920	54,450	50,600	29,810	82,270	56,640	51,420	31,550	88,150	59,530	57,710	32,550
Rural	43,750	29,190	29,400	16,110	46,600	33,540	28,640	17,330[3]	47,500	31,100	33,000	18,530
Household income												
Less than $7,500	32,900	22,020	22,400	13,710	30,950	20,280	21,580	17,500[3]	26,150[3]	18,660[3]	17,120[3]	10,160
$7,500–14,999	38,310	24,180	27,260	16,590	38,840	26,260	25,960	19,660	43,250	25,010	33,100	22,470
$15,000–24,999	41,520	30,550	24,940	15,530	41,270	26,640	28,720	18,130	40,100	28,350	25,970	16,090
$25,000–34,999	37,450	25,040	25,340	14,510	36,400	26,440	22,470	13,970	41,940	27,770	29,020	16,910
$35,000–49,999	41,260	27,390	27,940	17,240	41,120	28,750	26,420	14,120	46,830	35,170	27,750	16,920
$50,000–74,999	39,040	26,490	25,950	16,520	37,330	28,410	21,490	14,430	43,310	27,880	30,680	17,790
$75,000 or more	30,540	20,300	21,010	10,030[3]	33,370	26,610	17,830	8,890[3]	39,830	27,590	26,410	16,680

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[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table S1.4a—Standard errors for table 1.4a: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1992 to 1994

Student characteristics	1992[1]				1993[1]				1994[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	7.1	4.8	4.9	3.2	5.4	3.7	3.7	2.5	4.5	3.0	3.2	2.1
Sex												
Male	9.8	7.0	6.8	4.4	7.4	5.2	5.2	3.7	6.3	4.1	4.6	3.2
Female	8.5	5.6	6.1	4.0	6.5	4.5	4.6	3.0	5.5	3.8	3.8	2.5
Age												
12–14	8.8	6.4	5.8	3.7	6.5	4.6	4.3	2.9	5.4	3.7	3.7	2.3
15–18	9.5	6.3	7.0	4.5	7.3	5.0	5.3	3.6	6.2	4.1	4.6	3.2
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	8.3	5.8	5.7	3.4	6.2	4.3	4.4	2.7	5.3	3.6	3.8	2.3
Black, non-Hispanic	13.5	9.5	9.6	7.3	11.5	8.3	8.2	6.6	9.5	6.4	7.0	5.5
Hispanic	17.6	11.6	13.4	9.6	12.6	8.9	9.0	7.4	10.7	7.3	8.0	6.2
Other, non-Hispanic	29.7	20.4	22.5	16.9[3]	18.5	15.0	11.1	8.4	16.1	11.2	11.7	8.2
Urbanicity												
Urban	13.5	9.4	9.9	6.5	10.3	7.2	7.6	5.5	8.5	5.6	6.3	4.5
Suburban	9.4	6.6	6.5	4.2	6.9	4.9	4.8	3.2	6.1	4.1	4.5	2.9
Rural	9.8	6.6	7.0	4.7	8.0	5.6	5.6	3.4	6.4	4.6	4.3	2.8
Household income												
Less than $7,500	22.1	16.2	15.9	10.1	17.5	11.8	13.6	9.1	15.4	10.5	11.7	8.7
$7,500–14,999	17.5	11.2	13.7	10.3	14.6	10.8	10.2	7.8	11.9	7.9	9.0	6.5
$15,000–24,999	17.5	11.4	13.6	8.7	12.3	8.4	9.2	6.4	9.4	6.0	7.1	4.7
$25,000–34,999	15.2	10.1	11.5	7.4	11.4	8.2	8.0	5.6	10.4	7.1	7.6	5.2
$35,000–49,999	12.7	9.0	8.9	5.0	10.4	7.0	7.6	5.3	8.4	5.7	6.0	4.0
$50,000–74,999	13.8	10.6	8.8	5.4	9.8	7.3	6.3	4.3	9.2	6.6	6.4	4.2
$75,000 or more	19.6	15.6	12.2	7.4	12.8	9.6	8.6	5.3	11.4	8.3	7.8	5.1

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[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Population sizes are 23,740,295 students ages 12 through 18 in 1992, 24,557,779 in 1993, and 25,326,989 in 1994.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992 to 1994.

Table S1.4b—Standard errors for table 1.4b: Number of nonfatal crimes against students ages 12 through 18 occurring away from school per 1,000 students, by type of crime and selected student characteristics: 1995 to 1997

Student characteristics	1995[1]				1996[1]				1997[1]			
	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]	Total	Theft	Violent	Serious violent[2]
Total	4.3	3.0	2.9	1.8	4.4	3.1	2.9	1.9	4.7	3.2	3.2	2.0
Sex												
Male	6.0	4.1	4.2	2.6	6.2	4.5	4.2	2.8	6.4	4.5	4.5	2.7
Female	5.3	3.8	3.5	2.1	5.1	3.6	3.4	2.2	5.8	3.9	4.0	2.5
Age												
12–14	5.1	3.6	3.4	2.0	5.2	3.9	3.3	2.2	5.6	4.0	3.7	2.3
15–18	6.0	4.2	4.2	2.6	5.9	4.2	4.1	2.7	6.4	4.4	4.6	2.8
Race–ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	5.1	3.6	3.4	2.0	5.1	3.6	3.4	2.1	5.6	3.9	3.9	2.3
Black, non-Hispanic	9.4	6.6	6.7	4.0	9.9	7.1	7.0	5.4	10.3	7.5	7.2	4.7
Hispanic	9.4	6.0	7.2	4.8	9.0	6.6	6.1	4.6	10.2	7.0	7.4	4.9
Other, non-Hispanic	15.6	11.8	10.3	7.1	15.7	12.7	9.4	7.4	12.5	9.2	8.5	5.3[3]
Urbanicity												
Urban	8.1	5.6	5.8	3.7	7.8	5.5	5.5	4.0	8.5	6.0	6.1	4.2
Suburban	5.7	4.1	3.8	2.3	5.6	4.0	3.7	2.3	6.0	4.3	4.1	2.4
Rural	6.5	4.5	4.5	2.6	7.3	5.4	4.7	2.9	7.6	5.2	5.5	3.1
Household income												
Less than $7,500	16.2	11.7	11.9	7.6	16.9	11.9	12.6	10.4	17.4	13.0	12.0	7.3
$7,500–14,999	12.0	8.1	9.0	5.7	12.4	8.9	8.8	6.8	14.0	8.8	11.3	8.0
$15,000–24,999	10.8	8.4	7.0	4.5	10.4	7.1	7.6	5.0	10.7	7.9	7.3	4.6
$25,000–34,999	9.6	6.7	6.8	4.0	9.8	7.4	6.4	4.1	11.1	7.7	8.0	4.8
$35,000–49,999	7.9	5.5	5.6	3.5	8.2	6.0	5.5	3.0	9.6	7.4	6.0	3.7
$50,000–74,999	8.6	6.1	6.0	3.9	7.9	6.2	4.8	3.3	8.8	5.9	6.4	3.8
$75,000 or more	9.8	6.8	7.0	3.5	9.7	8.0	5.5	2.8	10.1	7.3	7.0	4.5

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[2]Serious violent crimes are also included in violent crimes.

[3]Estimate based on fewer than 10 cases.

NOTE: Serious violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes include serious violent crimes and simple assault. Population sizes are 25,715,220 students ages 12 through 18 in 1995; 26,151,364 in 1996; and 26,548,142 in 1997.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1995 to 1997.

Table S2.1—Standard errors for table 2.1: Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported criminal victimization at school during the previous 6 months, by type of victimization, grade level, and school control: 1989 and 1995

School characteristics	1989			1995		
	Type of victimization			Type of victimization		
	Any[1]	Violent[2]	Property[3]	Any[1]	Violent[2]	Property[3]
Total	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4
Grade level						
Grade 6	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.4	0.9	0.5
Grade 7	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.1
Grade 8	1.1	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.6	1.0
Grade 9	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.6	1.0
Grade 10	1.1	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
Grade 11	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.8
Grade 12	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8
Other	2.9	2.1	2.5	2.9	1.9	2.3
School control						
Public	1.4	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.5
Private	1.4	0.7	1.3	1.2	0.5	1.1
Not ascertained	2.8	1.5	2.5	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

[1]Any victimization is a combination of reported violent and property victimization. If the student reported an incident of either, he or she is counted as having experienced any victimization. If the respondent reported having experienced both, he or she is only counted once under "Any victimization."

[2]Violent victimization includes physical attacks or taking property from the student directly by force, weapons, or threats.

[3]Property victimization includes theft of property from a student's desk, locker, or other locations.

NOTE: "At school" means in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table S3.1—Standard errors for table 3.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	0.44	0.52	0.45
Sex			
Male	0.64	0.57	0.71
Female	0.40	0.68	0.32
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	0.58	2.24	1.36
Black, non-Hispanic	0.95	1.98	1.69
Hispanic	0.83	2.45	2.04
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.86	4.55	2.73
Other, non-Hispanic	1.66	2.81	1.55
Grade			
9th	0.92	0.96	1.02
10th	0.59	1.03	1.14
11th	0.64	0.64	0.70
12th	0.62	0.57	0.80

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table S4.1—Standard errors for table 4.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having been in a physical fight in the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	Anywhere			On school property		
	1993	1995*	1997*	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	0.99	1.14	1.01	0.59	0.79	0.64
Sex						
Male	1.05	1.09	1.07	0.71	0.90	1.04
Female	1.19	1.49	1.26	0.73	1.03	0.78
Race–ethnicity						
White, non-Hispanic	1.13	1.06	1.29	0.68	0.62	0.84
Black, non-Hispanic	1.82	1.99	1.92	1.39	1.25	1.20
Hispanic	1.58	2.69	1.68	1.75	1.68	1.50
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.15	4.25	2.01	2.10	4.37	1.78
Other, non-Hispanic	2.94	5.19	3.39	2.77	5.14	2.05
Grade						
9th	1.54	2.22	1.98	1.55	1.79	1.29
10th	1.45	1.49	1.91	1.07	1.57	1.67
11th	1.52	1.48	1.72	1.27	1.00	0.87
12th	1.56	1.71	1.36	0.66	0.73	0.73

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table S5.1—Standard errors for table 5.1: Percentage and number of students in grades 6 to 12 who reported being bullied at school during the current school year, by urbanicity and selected student characteristics: 1993

Student characteristics	Percent				Number			
	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Total	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.1	112,879.5	73,439.4	45,714.9	54,894.1
Sex								
Male	0.7	0.8	2.0	1.2	89,796.9	67,888.7	36,170.2	35,357.1
Female	0.6	0.7	1.7	1.4	66,228.0	46,330.3	30,825.4	37,043.7
Race–ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.3	89,093.7	59,818.6	38,334.8	56,398.7
Black, non-Hispanic	0.9	1.0	7.6	2.6	35,345.4	30,042.5	17,905.8	12,769.4
Hispanic	0.8	1.0	2.8	1.9	21,782.9	20,747.9	10,154.9	4,108.6
Other, non-Hispanic	2.7	2.5	—	—	17,331.0	13,491.8	—	—
Grade level								
Grade 6	1.5	1.5	6.6	1.9	58,077.6	42,528.5	19,136.2	23,967.9
Grade 7	1.1	1.5	2.6	2.4	38,963.4	29,996.7	15,359.2	20,482.4
Grade 8	1.0	1.0	3.3	2.4	34,745.2	24,110.6	16,567.7	17,281.8
Grade 9	1.1	1.1	4.5	2.8	37,784.5	21,734.7	23,899.5	25,220.9
Grade 10	1.0	1.6	2.9	2.2	33,053.8	31,264.3	17,756.9	19,918.4
Grade 11	0.9	1.0	2.3	1.9	26,670.8	18,497.5	9,934.5	14,823.6
Grade 12	0.8	1.0	1.3	2.0	25,939.3	17,794.8	5,365.5	18,472.8
Region								
Northeast	1.2	1.8	2.6	2.2	51,253.3	49,360.6	12,879.7	25,830.6
South	0.6	0.7	2.0	1.1	50,821.5	35,704.9	26,118.0	32,140.1
Midwest	1.1	0.9	2.4	2.0	63,964.4	34,969.5	24,902.5	32,051.4
West	1.0	0.8	2.5	5.5	51,294.7	32,471.6	27,171.7	25,703.1

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Bullying was described as students picking on others a lot or making other students do things like give them money. "At school" means in school, at school activities during the day, or on the way to or from school. Population size is 24,060,000 students in grades 6 to 12.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, 1993.

Table S6.1—Standard errors for table 6.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported having their property stolen or deliberately damaged on school property during the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	0.90	1.00	1.32
Sex			
Male	0.99	1.46	1.30
Female	0.93	1.01	1.91
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	1.12	1.13	1.91
Black, non-Hispanic	1.02	2.04	1.56
Hispanic	2.16	1.78	1.66
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.82	5.28	1.84
Other, non-Hispanic	2.65	4.30	2.35
Grade			
9th	1.29	2.11	1.34
10th	1.43	1.68	1.79
11th	1.20	1.25	2.50
12th	1.29	0.87	1.85

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table S7.1—Standard errors for table 7.1: Percentage of public schools that reported one or more criminal incidents to police, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents and no serious violent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	2.1	3.7	3.2	3.8	4.2	0.8	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.5	2.1	4.0	3.2	3.7	4.1
Instructional level															
Elementary school	3.2	5.3	4.9	6.1	6.2	1.1	2.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	3.2	5.5	4.7	6.0	6.1
Middle school	2.3	2.8	4.5	4.8	7.2	1.9	4.1	5.0	2.6	5.0	2.8	3.9	5.4	4.8	7.0
High school	2.4	3.0	5.1	4.2	4.9	2.1	3.4	5.7	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.9	6.0	5.2	5.2
Region															
Northeast	4.4	10.4	7.2	8.3	11.8	1.1	2.5	2.4	1.5	4.4	4.7	10.0	7.1	8.4	11.6
Southeast	3.8	7.6	9.0	8.2	7.2	1.6	5.0	4.8	2.0	2.3	3.9	7.4	8.9	7.8	7.1
Central	4.5	6.9	8.1	7.7	7.4	2.2	4.9	4.5	4.6	3.6	4.1	6.2	7.4	6.9	6.8
West	3.5	5.7	6.9	6.9	7.8	1.4	3.7	3.5	2.7	2.6	3.7	6.9	6.5	7.2	7.8
School enrollment															
Less than 300	4.9	—	—	10.1	6.0	1.4	—	—	5.6	1.2	4.4	—	—	9.2	5.9
300–999	2.2	4.1	3.5	3.7	5.2	1.2	2.6	2.2	0.8	3.2	2.5	4.4	3.8	3.6	5.3
1,000 or more	2.3	2.9	3.7	8.2	—	2.4	4.3	4.3	5.7	—	3.2	5.1	5.0	9.0	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	3.7	—	8.1	6.2	5.4	1.3	—	3.0	1.3	2.2	3.5	—	8.2	6.1	5.1
5–19 percent	3.8	7.6	6.2	7.1	10.4	2.1	5.3	3.3	5.1	2.9	3.6	8.3	5.9	6.8	9.6
20–49 percent	3.6	6.8	7.5	8.0	9.2	1.6	4.4	3.0	2.2	4.1	3.6	6.3	7.5	8.6	9.0
50 percent or more	3.2	4.7	7.0	8.5	10.2	1.8	2.5	4.7	2.6	5.4	3.9	4.9	7.8	8.8	10.6
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	3.3	8.8	6.1	7.0	9.2	1.5	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.7	3.2	8.4	5.9	6.6	8.9
21–34 percent	4.3	10.3	8.6	7.7	7.0	2.0	5.6	3.9	4.5	4.5	4.3	9.8	9.0	7.2	6.5
35–49 percent	5.0	8.6	12.4	9.6	7.8	2.3	8.9	5.3	1.8	3.3	5.0	10.7	11.8	9.5	7.9
50–74 percent	4.1	7.8	9.4	9.0	8.8	1.4	5.0	4.9	1.5	1.6	4.5	7.3	9.7	9.3	9.0
75 percent or more	4.7	6.7	—	—	—	1.7	1.7	—	—	—	4.7	6.5	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S7.2—Standard errors for table 7.2: Number of public schools that reported one or more criminal incidents to police, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents and no serious violent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	1,683.8	719.4	617.3	788.9	911.2	593.4	360.2	336.3	281.8	313.5	1,711.5	783.2	652.4	763.8	880.8
Instructional level															
Elementary school	1,531.1	702.0	613.4	696.7	736.8	516.9	295.6	213.0	43.0	264.2	1,509.1	732.9	587.2	675.4	703.3
Middle school	337.3	97.2	189.5	224.3	247.5	255.3	127.3	184.9	113.9	150.0	409.1	120.6	194.8	227.9	233.4
High school	424.5	92.8	145.9	242.8	327.1	311.9	79.0	160.9	136.1	160.3	511.5	104.2	172.8	273.1	352.2
Region															
Northeast	846.8	315.0	480.7	447.6	334.7	153.9	65.2	118.9	61.7	85.3	872.2	311.3	483.2	449.9	331.5
Southeast	768.8	411.6	388.7	482.6	423.8	259.3	172.0	157.3	101.3	111.3	801.2	377.0	369.5	452.6	410.4
Central	1,202.2	421.2	499.8	498.5	633.1	497.5	207.9	220.9	230.2	286.3	1,072.5	388.3	437.2	413.2	567.9
West	1,005.2	532.3	514.7	459.1	491.9	307.6	240.4	181.9	148.9	152.7	1,040.0	549.9	483.8	445.9	491.1
School enrollment															
Less than 300	1,081.4	—	—	549.0	734.6	291.7	—	—	262.8	141.9	980.5	—	—	488.7	723.7
300–999	1,172.9	566.4	552.0	626.0	488.6	573.0	350.3	317.0	115.8	290.0	1,294.5	597.7	553.0	600.8	498.6
1,000 or more	272.2	199.9	144.1	142.5	—	163.7	94.5	120.8	73.0	—	302.7	219.7	154.0	146.6	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	944.4	—	359.6	530.3	667.4	312.8	—	107.1	96.0	260.3	922.6	—	362.1	530.8	618.0
5–19 percent	831.3	376.5	500.8	400.7	374.1	370.2	194.7	214.2	241.4	88.9	765.4	348.3	444.1	344.8	349.0
20–49 percent	821.4	386.0	474.6	364.4	418.4	278.3	207.9	156.0	85.2	155.5	785.6	351.7	467.2	364.5	393.5
50 percent or more	879.5	473.6	342.3	393.8	338.5	273.1	187.2	185.8	74.4	105.1	934.7	504.3	326.8	393.0	346.2
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	733.3	242.4	521.4	391.5	402.1	263.9	80.0	182.9	104.2	107.1	741.4	239.2	501.6	386.6	396.8
21–34 percent	908.9	280.9	508.8	463.3	399.5	363.7	132.1	143.2	233.5	248.7	840.3	270.8	503.0	384.8	367.0
35–49 percent	729.9	344.5	321.5	348.7	469.9	300.8	245.0	131.0	56.9	158.7	707.0	263.4	311.2	351.9	457.4
50–74 percent	990.2	434.8	403.3	571.0	506.2	236.6	182.9	155.0	66.2	70.6	968.3	382.1	393.6	573.3	504.0
75 percent or more	775.9	481.7	—	—	—	223.1	91.5	—	—	—	742.9	487.1	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S7.3—Standard errors for table 7.3: Number of criminal incidents occurring in public schools reported to police, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	27,563.3	17,185.7	16,044.3	9,224.4	8,853.1	3,286.9	2,627.4	980.1	1,336.3	731.8	26,020.7	14,932.0	15,679.1	8,938.1	8,525.8
Instructional level															
Elementary school	10,889.3	2,861.0	8,988.4	5,844.1	3,461.3	777.8	585.0	213.0	226.9	403.1	10,961.9	2,684.9	8,985.6	5,826.3	3,440.1
Middle school	15,619.0	14,809.8	8,350.3	4,420.5	2,980.8	2,443.9	2,452.4	420.4	135.2	340.9	13,792.1	12,506.3	8,209.1	4,390.6	2,890.8
High school	14,922.6	5,562.6	9,420.6	6,713.4	6,605.7	1,820.3	749.0	849.1	1,267.4	559.7	14,272.1	5,297.1	8,804.2	6,315.9	6,401.2
Region															
Northeast	12,486.6	3,828.3	9,631.9	3,874.4	2,943.9	625.3	552.7	218.0	294.0	170.2	12,267.6	3,611.8	9,614.3	3,862.7	2,901.8
Southeast	12,035.0	3,849.4	11,720.2	4,099.2	3,987.8	1,063.6	534.4	838.7	112.9	329.9	11,430.4	3,562.8	11,085.3	4,030.5	3,844.7
Central	15,182.2	12,597.7	4,314.4	4,482.3	5,484.1	2,517.2	2,421.4	420.6	284.7	666.3	13,353.1	10,336.2	4,193.5	4,421.4	5,108.3
West	12,204.6	7,493.0	7,049.4	8,874.8	4,318.9	1,420.7	725.8	386.4	1,287.5	232.6	12,056.8	7,219.6	6,963.3	8,423.4	4,273.1
School enrollment															
Less than 300	7,851.1	—	—	5,312.3	4,844.6	1,320.8	—	—	1,301.0	315.5	7,147.1	—	—	4,345.0	4,700.2
300–999	16,699.8	13,518.9	6,578.9	6,903.6	6,291.0	2,759.3	2,455.4	404.9	314.7	657.8	15,021.9	11,312.8	6,405.2	6,860.4	6,053.7
1,000 or more	17,836.9	6,696.7	14,758.3	5,658.9	—	1,230.1	776.7	910.2	227.2	—	17,283.8	6,360.8	14,353.0	5,636.9	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	8,584.2	—	3,325.8	4,300.3	6,342.4	439.7	—	107.1	96.0	395.9	8,481.4	—	3,328.5	4,278.4	6,242.7
5–19 percent	10,227.4	3,203.6	6,569.1	6,207.8	2,701.5	1,401.2	368.7	301.7	1,248.1	98.4	9,658.2	3,087.8	6,399.0	5,587.6	2,677.2
20–49 percent	14,077.2	6,124.0	10,172.2	5,965.2	3,343.3	915.3	600.8	537.2	326.4	297.1	13,590.5	5,869.9	10,013.2	5,880.5	3,139.3
50 percent or more	21,852.9	16,422.5	10,916.0	4,832.2	4,273.3	2,849.6	2,532.5	851.0	90.1	560.3	19,956.9	14,127.3	10,360.7	4,821.1	3,922.5
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	9,861.0	3,355.6	6,037.5	4,932.4	3,895.4	575.3	349.6	360.1	242.1	184.9	9,782.0	3,204.0	5,969.1	4,891.8	3,894.1
21–34 percent	11,631.7	3,303.3	9,243.6	4,649.9	3,415.8	1,063.6	593.4	830.4	239.0	370.1	10,964.7	3,029.0	8,507.1	4,560.3	3,396.0
35–49 percent	11,428.3	5,130.5	8,641.2	3,273.0	4,277.1	751.3	671.2	148.3	303.4	274.2	11,182.0	4,902.1	8,642.9	3,178.7	4,180.1
50–74 percent	16,071.1	14,035.8	6,322.2	4,709.5	3,190.9	2,462.0	2,465.8	348.4	83.8	70.6	14,284.7	11,756.0	6,109.8	4,708.8	3,188.3
75 percent or more	10,615.2	5,005.5	—	—	—	1,341.4	503.7	—	—	—	10,108.6	4,739.2	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S7.4—Standard errors for table 7.4: Number of criminal incidents reported to police per 1,000 public school students, by seriousness of the incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Any incidents					Serious violent incidents					Less serious violent or nonviolent incidents				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	0.7	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.2
Instructional level															
Elementary school	0.5	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.9
Middle school	1.8	5.9	3.2	2.0	2.8	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.6	5.0	3.2	2.0	2.7
High school	1.3	1.8	2.9	2.3	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.7	2.8	2.2	2.9
Region															
Northeast	1.4	1.7	3.0	1.7	2.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.6	3.0	1.7	2.7
Southeast	1.2	1.4	4.7	1.3	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.3	4.5	1.3	1.5
Central	1.5	5.3	1.4	1.7	2.4	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.3	4.4	1.4	1.7	2.3
West	0.9	1.3	1.6	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.9	1.3	1.6	3.1	3.1
School enrollment															
Less than 300	1.9	—	—	6.2	2.4	0.3	—	—	1.5	0.2	1.7	—	—	5.1	2.3
300–999	0.6	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.3
1,000 or more	1.7	1.6	3.6	—	3.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	—	1.6	1.5	3.5	3.2	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	0.9	—	1.5	1.2	1.7	0.0	—	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9	—	1.5	1.2	1.7
5–19 percent	0.9	1.6	1.4	2.5	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.9	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.9
20–49 percent	1.3	1.6	3.1	2.6	2.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.2	1.5	3.1	2.6	2.0
50 percent or more	1.8	2.6	3.8	2.4	5.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.8	1.6	2.3	3.7	2.4	5.2
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	0.8	1.7	1.1	1.7	2.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.7	2.6
21–34 percent	1.3	1.7	3.5	1.9	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.3	1.6	3.2	1.8	1.8
35–49 percent	1.8	2.7	5.8	2.2	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.7	2.6	5.8	2.2	2.3
50–74 percent	1.9	4.8	3.2	1.6	2.7	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.7	4.0	3.1	1.6	2.7
75 percent or more	1.5	1.4	—	—	—	0.2	0.1	—	—	—	1.4	1.3	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S8.1—Standard errors for table 8.1: Percentage of public schools that reported one or more incidents of serious violent crime to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.5	1.7	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.6
Instructional level															
Elementary school	0.5	1.1	0.9	†	1.3	0.8	2.0	1.4	†	1.7	0.4	1.3	0.4	†	0.9
Middle school	1.2	2.1	2.9	1.5	2.4	1.2	3.2	3.4	2.3	4.0	0.9	3.2	2.6	†	1.2
High school	1.3	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.7	4.3	2.8	1.7	1.0	3.6	2.7	2.1	1.0
Region															
Northeast	0.6	1.5	1.3	0.9	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.8	0.9	3.6	0.6	2.0	1.1	0.9	2.1
Southeast	0.9	1.4	4.2	1.4	0.6	1.3	4.7	2.0	1.4	1.6	0.6	1.7	1.5	0.7	1.1
Central	1.0	3.7	1.3	†	2.1	1.4	2.0	3.6	1.1	2.7	0.8	3.0	1.9	†	1.3
West	0.8	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.2	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.2	0.8	2.3	1.6	1.4	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	0.6	—	—	1.5	0.9	0.9	—	—	3.0	0.8	0.4	—	—	1.5	†
300–999	0.6	1.2	1.2	0.6	1.7	0.8	2.0	1.6	0.6	2.4	0.5	1.5	0.6	0.4	1.3
1,000 or more	1.7	2.8	2.7	3.2	—	2.0	3.2	3.9	4.4	—	1.8	3.4	3.3	2.3	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	0.8	—	1.9	0.6	1.4	0.9	—	1.7	1.0	1.7	0.5	—	1.7	0.5	0.9
5–19 percent	1.2	4.0	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.8	2.2	2.6	0.8	3.5	0.7	1.5	0.8
20–49 percent	0.7	1.7	1.1	1.2	2.4	1.6	4.1	2.8	1.9	3.1	0.8	2.7	0.8	1.0	†
50 percent or more	1.0	0.8	3.4	2.1	1.4	1.3	2.3	2.9	1.3	4.7	1.1	1.5	2.7	1.1	2.8
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	0.8	1.5	1.6	1.0	1.8	1.2	2.6	1.8	2.3	1.9	0.5	1.5	1.3	†	0.6
21–34 percent	1.0	2.3	2.3	†	2.8	1.3	5.1	2.9	1.1	3.3	0.7	2.6	1.1	0.7	1.9
35–49 percent	1.7	7.4	4.7	1.4	1.9	1.7	7.4	1.0	1.0	2.9	1.1	5.3	1.6	1.1	†
50–74 percent	0.4	1.3	1.5	†	†	1.3	3.8	4.7	1.4	1.6	1.0	3.6	2.0	0.7	†
75 percent or more	0.9	1.0	—	—	—	1.4	1.3	—	—	—	1.2	1.4	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some schools with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S8.2—Standard errors for table 8.2: Percentage of public schools that reported one or more less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	1.1	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.6	1.5	2.7	2.4	3.5	3.3	1.6	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.7
Instructional level															
Elementary school	1.7	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.4	2.0	3.5	3.4	5.2	4.2	2.3	4.3	4.3	5.5	5.0
Middle school	2.3	3.4	4.8	4.7	6.6	2.5	4.1	5.3	5.3	5.6	2.6	3.8	5.0	4.8	7.1
High school	2.9	4.0	6.1	5.3	4.5	3.1	4.4	6.2	5.5	5.1	2.7	3.6	6.1	5.9	5.4
Region															
Northeast	2.3	4.6	4.6	5.4	7.1	3.3	8.5	4.7	7.1	6.8	3.6	9.4	5.8	9.2	11.6
Southeast	2.7	6.5	7.4	5.9	4.3	3.6	5.2	8.5	7.2	6.7	3.1	5.7	8.3	6.5	6.9
Central	2.6	6.0	6.5	6.1	4.4	2.7	5.3	5.1	6.2	5.2	3.6	6.6	5.8	5.3	6.3
West	3.0	4.9	6.2	5.9	5.7	3.0	5.1	6.8	6.6	7.2	3.5	4.9	6.9	7.0	6.8
School enrollment															
Less than 300	2.9	—	—	4.6	4.1	3.1	—	—	7.6	4.6	3.9	—	—	8.2	5.2
300–999	1.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.8	3.2	3.1	3.9	4.1	1.7	3.8	3.6	3.5	4.8
1,000 or more	3.0	4.8	6.0	8.9	—	3.2	3.8	5.6	9.2	—	3.3	5.1	5.5	8.8	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	2.4	—	7.0	4.1	3.7	2.8	—	5.5	5.6	4.2	3.3	—	6.7	5.6	4.5
5–19 percent	3.0	4.9	5.7	5.7	7.8	3.1	4.8	5.0	6.7	7.7	3.0	7.0	5.5	6.9	10.3
20–49 percent	2.9	6.7	5.7	6.7	5.5	3.3	5.4	6.8	7.0	6.9	3.5	5.8	6.1	8.3	8.1
50 percent or more	3.1	3.5	7.5	8.4	10.1	3.5	4.4	7.8	9.3	11.4	3.3	4.4	7.2	9.3	10.6
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	2.5	5.8	4.1	5.3	6.0	2.7	5.4	4.3	6.2	6.0	3.6	8.4	5.8	7.2	9.0
21–34 percent	2.9	7.6	7.5	5.2	5.9	2.9	8.4	4.8	6.1	3.9	4.0	9.6	8.1	7.1	4.9
35–49 percent	3.4	9.4	7.8	7.8	5.0	4.8	9.7	10.2	7.5	6.8	4.4	9.5	7.9	8.4	7.3
50–74 percent	3.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.6	3.6	6.4	7.4	8.6	7.3	3.6	5.7	10.6	9.1	8.3
75 percent or more	3.0	4.5	—	—	—	3.9	5.5	—	—	—	3.9	5.8	—	—	—

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NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 78,000 public schools.

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Table S8.3—Standard errors for table 8.3: Number of public schools that reported one or more incidents of serious violent crime to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	371.5	175.0	186.3	106.3	187.1	365.1	285.3	229.4	170.7	252.0	306.5	234.4	127.8	87.9	122.6
Instructional level															
Elementary school	229.4	21.5	17.3	†	24.8	383.0	245.1	178.4	†	204.4	197.7	167.5	8.0	†	16.6
Middle school	169.1	66.0	104.5	67.0	71.9	170.4	98.4	123.6	100.4	121.7	128.7	96.5	90.7	†	35.9
High school	197.5	71.2	106.9	85.7	102.4	235.3	66.5	119.6	116.4	102.9	151.7	84.1	73.5	87.9	59.8
Region															
Northeast	88.2	40.4	66.9	5.2	42.9	136.2	59.5	94.5	5.2	73.8	80.7	54.2	56.7	5.2	46.5
Southeast	155.3	47.5	137.3	71.6	4.3	210.1	173.6	63.9	67.0	78.2	105.1	62.0	49.2	5.2	7.6
Central	231.3	166.5	11.0	†	165.7	304.2	78.1	181.5	55.7	215.4	185.6	130.2	93.3	†	16.6
West	176.7	61.6	102.4	74.6	12.8	281.8	210.3	158.2	147.4	129.0	174.4	157.5	80.7	73.9	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	129.2	—	—	10.2	108.6	174.1	—	—	139.7	94.8	74.9	—	—	10.2	†
300–999	317.8	165.5	170.0	75.6	158.8	377.7	268.9	219.3	90.0	223.6	261.8	196.8	86.6	50.9	122.6
1,000 or more	119.7	70.6	72.9	42.0	—	137.9	85.6	105.7	57.7	—	122.3	93.6	89.2	4.8	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	188.2	—	70.5	46.6	164.6	211.5	—	11.0	80.6	198.4	125.8	—	11.0	5.2	107.0
5–19 percent	215.8	143.3	107.1	10.2	39.6	207.3	47.0	176.9	99.3	79.1	142.7	122.7	40.9	10.2	3.7
20–49 percent	125.8	73.1	56.6	44.0	90.9	265.6	198.1	147.3	73.0	117.2	144.5	135.5	42.3	5.2	†
50 percent or more	169.5	66.6	133.7	8.9	4.3	208.0	179.0	99.7	5.2	93.9	180.8	112.2	96.0	4.8	57.5
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	147.7	37.4	109.3	46.6	73.8	198.7	64.8	122.9	97.6	75.8	95.8	42.1	14.3	†	3.7
21–34 percent	176.4	50.7	89.6	†	153.2	232.4	124.5	108.1	56.6	184.0	123.7	61.2	43.3	5.2	107.0
35–49 percent	214.7	163.8	116.6	44.0	90.9	219.6	184.9	4.1	4.6	135.3	135.9	125.3	40.9	5.2	†
50–74 percent	64.7	48.9	48.2	†	†	213.3	139.5	151.3	8.9	70.6	151.2	142.2	59.8	4.8	†
75 percent or more	104.3	54.3	—	—	—	174.3	67.3	—	—	—	150.5	77.6	—	—	—

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Table S8.4—Standard errors for table 8.4: Number of public schools that reported one or more less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	932.4	417.3	521.1	452.7	556.1	1,200.8	462.5	465.2	680.9	700.4	1,326.3	561.7	559.9	696.4	804.4
Instructional level															
Elementary school	817.3	388.6	447.2	373.9	404.8	983.2	434.0	425.0	593.8	491.6	1,104.8	527.6	527.8	620.4	597.3
Middle school	343.7	100.7	170.4	211.4	214.3	350.7	129.9	189.4	222.9	172.2	396.1	123.0	197.1	213.2	221.0
High school	463.2	116.6	175.3	246.0	280.6	519.0	98.7	175.0	256.7	324.4	452.0	91.6	165.3	255.1	342.9
Region															
Northeast	383.4	93.1	271.7	213.1	164.4	493.5	239.3	262.1	324.3	169.8	649.2	282.8	338.4	450.6	284.5
Southeast	443.3	259.0	237.3	304.3	213.4	662.3	212.5	300.3	396.8	361.2	543.9	296.0	305.8	299.9	359.9
Central	705.1	268.4	353.4	356.7	351.7	616.0	259.2	261.0	348.4	400.5	904.1	367.7	313.7	298.4	542.9
West	681.6	332.9	335.8	331.6	312.9	679.8	402.5	361.0	361.6	429.9	834.6	447.7	438.0	453.7	395.8
School enrollment															
Less than 300	616.4	—	—	227.0	488.3	653.7	—	—	359.9	541.4	846.1	—	—	395.6	635.8
300–999	737.3	405.8	426.9	439.2	279.4	954.6	432.3	432.3	595.6	381.6	874.4	527.9	535.1	520.3	449.8
1,000 or more	228.1	130.0	178.3	140.9	—	287.1	194.2	178.4	140.1	—	281.7	157.5	173.6	144.8	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	603.2	—	273.2	346.4	444.7	629.0	—	209.5	432.8	490.4	855.1	—	296.8	454.6	529.5
5–19 percent	593.0	166.5	361.5	242.7	260.9	580.9	161.3	319.4	292.7	260.6	707.8	339.6	411.0	343.3	359.4
20–49 percent	574.7	325.1	311.2	265.7	205.2	659.4	275.0	400.0	289.0	276.8	679.7	334.4	344.7	318.6	339.2
50 percent or more	575.5	282.4	263.1	265.7	190.6	713.6	407.8	262.5	316.0	280.3	859.8	409.0	296.9	366.2	262.9
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	462.0	126.1	303.2	263.3	247.1	583.0	100.1	329.2	324.5	251.3	714.2	234.7	445.4	330.4	398.9
21–34 percent	533.9	145.5	320.3	226.9	337.7	511.0	195.5	204.5	304.6	212.8	704.5	279.5	408.4	391.1	253.0
35–49 percent	458.5	267.0	180.3	247.4	248.7	617.4	285.7	259.0	254.5	376.4	621.7	329.8	189.0	257.0	400.1
50–74 percent	612.4	271.3	269.0	285.3	302.2	703.3	216.5	277.6	438.7	358.0	760.9	261.9	373.2	504.7	420.7
75 percent or more	380.4	277.1	—	—	—	588.5	353.5	—	—	—	659.1	408.2	—	—	—

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Table S8.5—Standard errors for table 8.5: Number of serious violent criminal incidents occurring in public schools reported to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	676.2	439.5	294.2	117.2	364.6	1,882.1	1,518.8	371.8	964.1	586.9	1,538.6	1,192.8	623.8	355.8	291.1
Instructional level															
Elementary school	417.6	281.7	114.7	†	298.8	555.3	447.9	178.4	†	269.3	197.7	167.5	52.7	†	103.2
Middle school	364.5	171.5	236.0	67.0	137.4	1,440.2	1,448.5	215.7	113.3	286.0	1,021.1	1,025.1	119.4	†	71.8
High school	335.0	235.4	148.1	99.4	185.8	1,078.6	295.7	306.9	907.8	414.3	886.7	471.2	598.0	355.8	265.7
Region															
Northeast	136.0	83.4	93.6	36.4	67.9	260.2	192.5	155.5	36.4	90.0	399.7	300.3	90.8	291.1	93.0
Southeast	329.9	214.5	224.2	87.7	153.1	422.9	341.0	239.8	67.0	78.2	560.9	123.6	546.9	36.4	259.8
Central	475.4	364.9	61.1	†	326.1	1,577.1	1,462.6	214.5	185.2	561.0	1,010.5	970.2	324.2	†	103.2
West	337.2	165.7	184.1	74.6	86.2	995.6	368.5	258.8	949.6	218.9	471.4	443.1	116.3	211.9	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	173.0	—	—	68.2	159.2	978.0	—	—	946.2	277.9	206.3	—	—	204.5	†
300–999	573.5	362.7	254.1	75.6	336.7	1,569.9	1,491.1	231.0	104.0	480.1	1,249.0	979.3	116.8	292.6	291.1
1,000 or more	313.1	250.7	153.4	66.6	—	515.0	375.4	325.4	216.2	—	770.0	466.0	595.8	60.2	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	341.1	—	70.5	46.6	329.1	230.4	—	61.1	80.5	220.0	135.4	—	61.1	36.4	118.9
5–19 percent	332.9	283.4	140.3	68.2	39.6	972.6	204.7	245.7	900.0	79.1	247.8	134.2	70.9	204.5	51.4
20–49 percent	317.6	209.5	194.9	68.3	174.2	477.9	386.8	225.1	136.8	212.6	498.4	239.9	259.0	291.1	†
50 percent or more	258.8	174.6	187.1	59.6	30.6	1,512.1	1,475.3	265.4	36.4	477.5	1,433.6	1,107.0	554.3	60.2	263.8
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	238.8	136.7	142.8	46.6	138.3	321.0	111.7	129.1	241.1	117.1	339.7	138.8	317.4	†	51.4
21–34 percent	364.6	110.7	162.0	†	303.7	484.9	344.1	309.5	78.5	190.2	607.6	297.0	541.1	36.4	118.9
35–49 percent	411.1	363.0	116.6	68.3	174.2	455.0	416.1	25.7	31.9	222.1	355.2	197.7	70.9	291.1	†
50–74 percent	218.0	147.4	169.9	†	†	1,462.7	1,461.4	210.1	59.6	70.6	1,017.9	1,020.1	96.3	60.2	†
75 percent or more	151.2	113.5	—	—	—	976.3	169.1	—	—	—	519.9	368.4	—	—	—

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Table S8.6—Standard errors for table 8.6: Number of less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents occurring in public schools reported to police, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	17,027.2	9,217.4	11,539.7	5,769.2	4,298.4	8,401.5	4,188.1	4,134.4	3,548.2	3,591.4	5,575.4	3,381.5	3,505.4	2,779.6	2,654.6
Instructional level															
Elementary school	6,995.5	833.9	5,253.7	4,709.7	1,638.4	3,393.7	1,257.3	2,814.4	1,108.3	1,060.4	4,207.5	1,790.7	2,998.9	2,163.8	1,314.8
Middle school	10,429.0	8,857.1	6,454.2	2,356.7	1,495.2	3,372.9	2,508.2	1,697.9	1,564.3	1,160.3	2,282.8	1,650.1	654.2	1,468.2	1,079.9
High school	9,363.6	2,425.7	7,339.0	3,423.0	3,611.8	5,663.4	2,788.8	2,469.4	3,122.8	2,659.4	2,872.2	1,734.1	1,397.5	1,467.8	1,677.3
Region															
Northeast	6,821.3	2,090.0	6,060.0	1,121.6	1,446.7	4,827.2	974.7	3,005.6	1,567.0	1,509.4	2,380.2	1,049.1	1,168.2	2,058.1	480.0
Southeast	8,802.5	1,845.7	9,205.8	2,879.7	2,401.9	3,148.9	1,630.3	1,687.0	1,301.8	1,285.0	1,843.7	1,088.1	1,210.9	874.4	1,010.5
Central	10,026.4	8,157.5	2,883.3	2,388.0	2,927.9	2,796.0	1,941.3	1,101.1	1,334.1	1,918.1	2,688.6	913.2	731.9	1,118.3	1,792.4
West	7,301.5	3,432.5	3,073.0	5,610.3	1,959.0	4,967.1	2,884.2	2,706.2	3,159.2	1,699.2	4,397.2	2,874.4	3,115.6	2,104.9	1,471.9
School enrollment															
Less than 300	3,703.0	—	—	2,441.9	2,227.4	2,272.2	—	—	1,087.1	1,722.5	2,448.2	—	—	1,585.3	1,794.7
300–999	10,727.4	8,206.7	4,904.4	4,923.1	3,560.4	4,446.7	2,335.1	1,463.6	2,380.5	2,623.2	4,139.2	2,236.8	1,878.8	2,328.9	1,659.8
1,000 or more	11,517.3	2,947.2	10,340.7	3,220.5	—	5,285.3	2,990.1	3,825.0	2,526.0	—	3,605.3	2,055.1	3,072.1	1,128.4	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	3,250.6	—	1,208.4	2,046.5	2,528.3	3,618.5	—	1,662.8	1,553.1	2,777.6	2,774.5	—	816.3	1,647.7	1,797.1
5–19 percent	5,121.9	1,593.3	3,778.7	2,331.5	1,556.2	4,518.3	1,550.7	2,535.3	2,517.1	1,223.0	2,867.9	636.1	1,567.3	1,783.5	771.4
20–49 percent	9,327.9	3,261.3	6,970.6	5,132.0	1,948.8	4,048.0	2,291.9	2,936.0	728.7	1,060.9	2,224.1	1,379.4	923.3	972.5	768.7
50 percent or more	13,700.5	8,837.5	8,307.6	3,035.6	2,821.0	4,588.2	3,537.7	1,394.3	1,381.8	1,031.6	5,170.3	3,013.4	2,980.9	1,827.3	1,344.6
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	5,546.4	1,569.4	3,587.2	2,887.0	1,739.5	3,939.2	1,680.2	2,062.4	1,979.7	1,700.2	2,333.4	647.0	1,368.2	1,107.2	985.6
21–34 percent	7,726.4	1,562.9	7,015.3	1,531.6	1,794.6	4,360.8	1,328.2	2,068.0	2,548.8	1,693.3	2,328.5	942.7	1,155.4	1,691.1	928.5
35–49 percent	6,977.9	2,892.4	5,598.0	2,152.3	2,297.3	3,783.6	1,917.0	2,676.0	1,127.8	1,414.3	1,967.0	1,126.8	634.4	869.1	1,248.4
50–74 percent	9,866.4	8,364.4	4,684.0	2,687.4	1,509.1	3,403.1	2,833.5	1,472.6	1,350.7	1,071.7	2,562.2	2,012.7	794.0	1,616.8	1,306.7
75 percent or more	5,943.4	2,394.8	—	—	—	2,703.4	1,508.6	—	—	—	4,307.5	2,105.6	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 78,000 public schools.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S8.7—Standard errors for table 8.7: Number of serious violent criminal incidents reported to police per 1,000 public school students, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Rape or other type of sexual battery					Physical attack or fight with a weapon					Robbery				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Instructional level															
Elementary school	0.0	0.0	0.0	†	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	†	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	†	0.0
Middle school	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	†	0.1
High school	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Region															
Northeast	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Southeast	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Central	0.0	0.1	0.0	†	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	†	0.0
West	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	†
School enrollment															
Less than 300	0.0	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.3	—	—	1.1	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.2	†
300–999	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
1,000 or more	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
5–19 percent	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
20–49 percent	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	†
50 percent or more	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	†	0.0
21–34 percent	0.0	0.1	0.1	†	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
35–49 percent	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	†
50–74 percent	0.0	0.1	0.1	†	†	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	†
75 percent or more	0.0	0.0	—	—	—	0.2	0.0	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some schools with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 42,336,819 public school students. Values of 0.0 are less than 0.05.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S8.8—Standard errors for table 8.8: Number of less serious violent or nonviolent criminal incidents reported to police per 1,000 public school students, by type of incident, urbanicity, and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Physical attack or fight without a weapon					Theft or larceny					Vandalism				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Instructional level															
Elementary school	0.3	0.1	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Middle school	1.2	3.6	2.5	1.1	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.6	1.0
High school	0.8	0.8	2.3	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7
Region															
Northeast	0.8	0.9	1.9	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.4
Southeast	0.9	0.7	3.8	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Central	1.0	3.4	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.8
West	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.0	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.0
School enrollment															
Less than 300	0.9	—	—	2.8	1.1	0.6	—	—	1.3	0.9	0.6	—	—	1.9	0.9
300–999	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
1,000 or more	1.1	0.8	2.6	1.8	—	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.5	—	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7	—
Minority enrollment															
Less than 5 percent	0.3	—	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	—	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.3	—	0.3	0.5	0.5
5–19 percent	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.6
20–49 percent	0.9	0.9	2.2	2.3	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
50 percent or more	1.2	1.4	3.0	1.7	3.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.9
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility															
Less than 20 percent	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7
21–34 percent	0.9	0.8	2.7	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.5
35–49 percent	1.1	1.8	3.7	1.4	1.3	0.6	1.0	1.8	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7
50–74 percent	1.2	2.9	2.5	1.1	1.3	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.2
75 percent or more	0.9	0.7	—	—	—	0.4	0.4	—	—	—	0.6	0.6	—	—	—

—Fewer than 30 sample cases.

NOTE: Examples of weapons are guns, knives, sharp-edged or pointed objects, baseball bats, frying pans, sticks, rocks, and bottles. Schools were asked to report crimes that took place in school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at places holding school-sponsored events. Population size is 42,336,819 public school students.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S9.1—Standard errors for table 9.1: Number of nonfatal crimes against teachers and average annual number of crimes per 1,000 teachers at school, by type of crime and selected teacher characteristics. Aggregated from 1993 to 1997

Teacher characteristics	Total crimes from 1993 to 1997				Average annual number of crimes per 1,000 teachers			
	Total[1]	Theft	Violent[2]	Serious violent[3]	Total[1]	Theft	Violent[2]	Serious violent[3]
Total	110,910	85,120	63,340	20,200	4.9	3.8	2.9	1.0
Instructional level								
Elementary	62,400	51,060	32,790	15,020	5.3	4.4	2.9	1.3
Middle/junior high	56,720	40,600	37,150	8,740[4]	12.5	9.4	8.6	2.1[4]
Senior high	59,890	46,830	34,480	9,610[4]	9.5	7.7	5.8	1.6[4]
Sex								
Male	54,420	38,280	36,430	10,210[4]	9.6	7.0	6.7	1.9[4]
Female	91,770	73,250	49,470	17,180	5.4	4.4	3.1	1.1
Race–ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	101,720	77,460	59,180	18,390	5.4	4.2	3.3	1.0
Black, non-Hispanic	28,740	23,940	15,100	7,190[4]	13.7	11.6	7.5	3.6[4]
Hispanic	19,100	15,550	10,730	†	17.4	14.4	10.1[4]	†
Other, non-Hispanic	8,510[4]	6,370[4]	5,560[4]	3,370[4]	27.7[4]	21.1[4]	18.4[4]	11.3[4]
Urbanicity of school[5]								
Urban	107,640	82,730	61,450	19,390	5.6	4.4	3.4	1.1
Suburban	80,320	61,800	46,680	15,370[4]	6.2	5.1	3.5	1.1[4]
Rural	50,650	40,820	27,830	9,000[4]	7.1	5.3	4.6	1.4[4]

†No cases were reported in this cell, although the crime defined by the cell could have happened to some teachers with these characteristics if a different sample had been drawn.

[1]Total crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, and theft.

[2]Violent crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.

[3]Serious violent crimes include rape/sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault, which are also included in violent crime.

[4]The estimate was based on fewer than 10 cases.

[5]Teachers teaching in more than one school in different locales are not included.

NOTE: The data were aggregated from 1993 to 1997 due to the small number of teachers in each year's sample. On average, there were about 4.2 million teachers per year over the 5-year period for a total population size of 21,062,797 teachers. The average annual number of full-time-equivalent teachers is approximately 2.9 million. The population reported here includes part-time teachers as well as other instructional and support staff.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993 to 1997.

Table S10.1—Standard errors for table 10.1: Percentage and number of teachers who reported that they were threatened with injury or that they were physically attacked by a student during the past 12 months, by urbanicity and selected teacher and school characteristics: 1993–94 school year

	Teachers threatened with injury by a student								Teachers physically attacked by a student							
	Percent				Number				Percent				Number			
Selected characteristics	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural	Total	Central city	Urban fringe/ large town	Small town/ rural
Total	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	7,044.6	4,363.2	3,837.9	3,553.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	3,888.0	2,226.3	2,295.8	1,920.9
Sex																
Male	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.5	3,867.5	2,465.8	1,720.8	1,762.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	1,764.8	1,347.9	738.4	902.6
Female	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	5,531.3	3,832.3	3,297.9	2,640.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	3,836.3	2,218.5	2,172.3	1,639.3
Race–ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	6,279.7	3,871.1	3,722.1	3,397.9	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	3,970.1	2,156.5	2,104.4	1,937.1
Black, non-Hispanic	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.2	1,402.3	1,192.3	625.2	497.5	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.7	858.8	831.7	531.0	307.9
Hispanic	1.3	2.1	1.4	1.9	1,835.6	1,649.6	491.6	451.8	1.0	1.6	1.1	0.7	1,263.6	1,174.7	375.1	131.7
Other, non-Hispanic	1.1	2.0	2.1	1.3	680.5	507.5	420.8	201.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	0.8	445.0	341.3	302.4	124.4
Teacher level																
Elementary	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.4	4,478.4	3,395.7	2,697.1	2,287.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	3,249.7	2,166.5	1,695.1	1,558.9
Secondary	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	5,379.7	2,777.4	2,793.8	2,454.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	1,979.1	1,029.6	1,185.5	1,121.1
Control																
Public	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	6,958.1	4,418.3	3,454.5	3,497.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	3,685.1	2,350.7	2,131.1	1,892.6
Private	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.6	1,095.2	607.0	986.0	478.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	852.2	500.4	662.4	416.1

NOTE: Population size is 2,940,000 teachers.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey, 1993–94 (Teacher and School Questionnaires).

Table S11.1—Standard errors for table 11.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon on school property at least 1 day in the past 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	0.73	0.45	0.64
Sex			
Male	0.96	0.76	1.50
Female	0.65	0.53	0.37
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	0.86	0.93	1.16
Black, non-Hispanic	0.85	2.03	0.98
Hispanic	1.09	1.87	0.99
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.92	4.44	1.00
Other, non-Hispanic	3.48	2.21	1.88
Grade			
9th	0.73	0.76	0.90
10th	0.97	0.78	0.99
11th	1.41	0.94	1.33
12th	0.83	0.68	0.91
Ungraded or other	14.63	9.81	9.71

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table S11.2—Standard errors for table 11.2: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported carrying a weapon at any time at least 1 day in the past 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	1.18	0.66	0.91
Sex			
Male	1.68	1.03	1.57
Female	0.85	0.72	0.54
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	1.43	0.93	1.36
Black, non-Hispanic	1.24	2.03	1.69
Hispanic	1.35	1.87	2.04
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.68	4.44	1.34
Other, non-Hispanic	3.72	3.06	2.14
Grade			
9th	1.42	1.24	1.34
10th	1.11	0.94	1.33
11th	1.66	1.40	1.69
12th	1.46	0.93	1.65
Ungraded or other	16.86	4.85	9.84

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table S12.1—Standard errors for table 12.1: Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported fearing being attacked or harmed at school or on the way to and from school, by selected student characteristics: 1989 and 1995

	Feared attack or harm at school*								Feared attack or harm on the way to and from school*							
	1989				1995				1989				1995			
Student characteristics	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Total	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4
Sex																
Male	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5
Female	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.7
Race–ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.4
Black, non-Hispanic	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.6	0.8	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.5	2.3	1.6
Hispanic	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.8	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.6	1.2	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.3	1.5	2.6	3.1
Other, non-Hispanic	1.7	2.6	2.4	5.3	1.4	2.5	2.3	2.6	1.5	2.7	2.1	3.1	1.3	2.9	1.5	2.9

*Includes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way.

NOTE: "At school" means in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table S13.1—Standard errors for table 13.1: Percentage and number of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that they avoided one or more places in school, by urbanicity and selected student characteristics: 1989 and 1995

	Percent								Number							
	1989				1995				1989				1995			
Student characteristics	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Total	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	58,524.9	35,298.7	35,688.3	29,886.0	81,361.0	57,948.0	51,936.0	50,946.0
Sex																
Male	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.8	42,114.0	25,141.4	25,595.9	21,977.4	56,080.0	38,611.0	31,892.0	28,788.0
Female	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.9	40,524.4	24,751.9	24,843.5	20,236.8	57,623.0	36,704.0	37,783.0	33,420.0
Race–ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.7	46,240.7	22,327.9	31,627.4	25,193.3	55,120.0	28,520.0	38,798.0	40,301.0
Black, non-Hispanic	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	26,693.0	20,530.2	9,380.5	14,233.1	43,462.0	37,016.0	19,766.0	19,250.0
Hispanic	1.0	1.5	1.4	2.2	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.2	20,232.8	15,592.0	11,280.6	6,233.7	34,694.0	28,806.0	21,662.0	8,567.0
Other, non-Hispanic	1.5	3.1	1.9	3.2	1.6	4.3	1.6	4.0	12,442.3	9,008.7	7,560.5	4,057.9	15,970.0	13,912.0	7,979.0	5,479.0
Age																
12	0.8	1.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.8	1.2	1.5	25,516.0	15,519.4	14,956.5	13,640.6	31,981.0	20,047.0	23,471.0	16,140.0
13	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.7	1.2	1.7	24,979.2	13,520.2	17,929.2	10,923.7	32,415.0	18,887.0	21,310.0	19,174.0
14	0.7	1.7	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.6	0.9	1.4	25,185.1	15,079.4	15,441.7	12,962.5	28,140.0	17,778.0	17,773.0	14,370.0
15	0.7	1.7	0.8	1.3	0.8	1.9	0.9	1.4	22,368.5	14,959.7	12,387.4	11,083.9	30,022.0	20,736.0	16,069.0	14,522.0
16	0.6	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.6	1.5	1.0	1.2	20,143.3	12,715.5	11,868.3	10,150.8	26,191.0	15,889.0	18,520.0	12,365.0
17	0.6	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.7	1.7	1.0	1.2	19,152.7	9,990.8	12,051.8	11,028.1	23,122.0	15,444.0	15,824.0	10,646.0
18	0.8	1.8	0.8	1.7	1.0	2.5	1.2	1.4	13,763.0	9,039.2	6,502.4	8,086.6	18,337.0	12,702.0	10,245.0	7,419.0
19	2.6	6.2	2.8	3.5	2.6	6.9	3.8	†	6,138.2	5,084.3	2,461.8	2,401.1	8,815.0	7,083.0	5,248.0	†
Control																
Public	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.7	57,062.5	34,554.0	35,066.6	28,659.4	82,509.0	58,033.0	52,790.0	50,898.0
Private	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.7	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.2	9,365.1	5,848.5	5,932.7	4,277.2	10,487.0	7,183.0	8,230.0	2,227.0

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: Places include the entrance into the school, any hallways and stairs in the school, parts of the school cafeteria, any school restrooms, and other places inside the school building. Population sizes are 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995. Due to rounding or missing cases, details may not add to totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table S14.1—Standard errors for table 14.1: Percentage of students ages 12 through 19 who reported that street gangs were present at school, by urbanicity and selected student characteristics: 1989 and 1995

Student characteristics	1989				1995			
	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Total	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.8	1.7
Sex								
Male	0.6	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.9
Female	0.6	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.9
Race–ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.6	0.8	1.5
Black, non-Hispanic	1.2	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.8	3.5
Hispanic	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.4	1.8	2.9	2.7	5.7
Other, non-Hispanic	2.7	5.2	3.8	3.3	2.7	5.6	3.1	7.9
Age								
12	1.0	2.2	1.5	1.7	1.0	2.2	1.5	2.0
13	1.1	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.1	2.6	1.4	2.1
14	1.2	2.7	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.8	1.6	2.5
15	1.1	2.8	1.5	1.7	1.3	2.6	1.7	2.6
16	1.1	2.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	3.0	2.0	2.3
17	1.1	2.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	3.2	1.5	4.3
18	1.5	3.5	2.1	2.0	1.6	3.9	2.6	3.3
19	4.3	9.7	4.8	5.7	4.7	9.9	6.3	7.3
Control								
Public	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.5	0.8	1.8
Private	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.8	0.8	1.6	1.0	1.5

NOTE: "At school" was not defined for the questionnaire respondent. Population size is 21,554,000 students ages 12 through 19 in 1989 and 23,933,000 in 1995.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 1989 and 1995.

Table S15.1—Standard errors for table 15.1: Percentage and number of public schools that reported that 1 or more of 17 discipline issues* was a serious problem in their school, by urbanicity and selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Percent					Number				
	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural	Total	City	Urban fringe	Town	Rural
Total	1.2	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.7	970.8	411.5	359.6	376.9	588.6
Instructional level										
Elementary school	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.4	3.5	777.7	412.3	304.3	269.6	423.5
Middle school	1.8	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.6	246.2	108.1	123.8	180.7	140.8
High school	2.5	4.1	5.8	4.9	4.6	391.6	119.1	161.8	207.8	280.6
Region										
Northeast	2.4	7.3	2.7	4.8	3.7	353.6	217.0	143.5	195.7	80.2
Southeast	2.3	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.8	409.4	216.6	174.0	266.5	248.5
Central	2.0	4.1	4.9	4.6	4.0	470.0	175.9	256.0	238.0	317.6
West	2.6	3.9	4.5	4.2	5.9	590.2	255.1	241.7	221.8	362.5
School size										
Less than 300	2.1	5.2	†	3.7	3.3	438.2	69.5	†	170.6	396.1
300–999	1.5	3.1	2.4	2.6	3.6	749.6	409.7	339.8	358.1	331.1
1,000 or more	2.9	4.6	4.7	8.6	15.8	236.2	133.0	130.8	104.6	59.3
Minority enrollment										
Less than 5 percent	1.5	4.6	3.0	2.9	2.3	364.4	36.2	108.9	230.1	266.2
5–19 percent	2.1	5.0	4.0	5.3	6.8	414.0	184.4	253.9	239.5	229.9
20–49 percent	3.0	4.6	4.1	3.9	8.5	485.0	205.2	215.1	141.1	343.6
50 percent or more	2.7	3.5	4.7	5.9	9.4	501.8	319.9	187.1	180.7	191.3
Free/reduced-price lunch eligibility										
Less than 20 percent	1.4	5.0	2.7	3.4	3.7	287.6	133.7	174.6	166.8	139.9
21–34 percent	2.5	7.3	5.3	4.8	3.8	417.2	175.0	191.9	246.5	201.6
35–49 percent	3.1	9.7	1.4	6.7	6.1	426.4	238.4	35.0	229.6	308.2
50–74 percent	2.5	4.0	8.1	3.6	6.8	432.0	156.0	266.3	173.3	307.4
75 percent or more	2.9	4.1	6.1	5.9	7.4	366.9	258.0	135.4	117.5	155.8

*Student tardiness, student absenteeism/class cutting, physical conflicts among students, robbery or theft of items worth over $10, vandalism of school property, student alcohol use, student drug use, sale of drugs on school grounds, student tobacco use, student possession of weapons, trespassing, verbal abuse of teachers, physical abuse of teachers, teacher absenteeism, teacher alcohol or drug use, racial tensions, and gangs.

†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

NOTE: "At school" was not defined for the questionnaire respondent. Population size is 78,000 public schools.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table S16.1—Standard errors for table 16.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using alcohol in the last 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	Anywhere			On school property		
	1993	1995*	1997*	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	1.06	1.19	1.43	0.39	0.45	0.34
Sex						
Male	1.23	1.33	1.22	0.39	0.50	0.66
Female	1.32	1.79	1.99	0.54	0.70	0.37
Race–ethnicity						
White, non-Hispanic	1.26	1.77	1.51	0.44	0.62	0.42
Black, non-Hispanic	1.82	2.24	1.46	0.98	0.87	0.72
Hispanic	2.82	2.56	1.96	0.84	1.73	0.96
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.88	4.78	3.37	1.11	1.62	0.99
Other, non-Hispanic	2.57	2.89	3.16	1.99	2.27	1.55
Grade						
9th	1.79	1.87	3.12	0.38	0.90	0.83
10th	2.00	2.38	2.19	0.43	0.88	0.71
11th	1.73	1.51	1.49	0.80	0.86	0.86
12th	1.35	1.64	2.50	0.64	0.58	0.66

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

Table S17.1—Standard errors for table 17.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported using marijuana in the last 30 days, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	Anywhere			On school property		
	1993	1995*	1997*	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	1.22	1.03	1.11	0.65	0.59	0.52
Sex						
Male	1.23	1.08	1.46	0.83	0.85	0.68
Female	1.02	1.44	1.04	0.48	0.72	0.56
Race–ethnicity						
White, non-Hispanic	1.41	1.49	1.51	0.72	0.62	0.42
Black, non-Hispanic	1.84	2.62	1.46	1.23	1.88	0.72
Hispanic	1.33	2.92	1.96	1.10	2.20	0.96
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.88	4.43	3.37	1.06	3.18	0.99
Other, non-Hispanic	2.56	5.15	3.57	1.50	3.15	1.64
Grade						
9th	1.10	1.83	1.95	0.40	1.38	0.90
10th	1.79	1.89	1.29	0.94	0.87	0.73
11th	1.77	1.35	1.81	1.07	0.62	1.17
12th	1.40	2.35	2.09	0.78	1.15	0.61

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997

Table S18.1—Standard errors for table 18.1: Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the last 12 months, by selected student characteristics: 1993, 1995, and 1997

Student characteristics	1993	1995*	1997*
Total	1.18	1.55	1.43
Sex			
Male	1.50	1.73	1.19
Female	1.31	1.43	1.22
Race–ethnicity			
White, non-Hispanic	1.69	2.24	1.36
Black, non-Hispanic	1.49	1.98	1.69
Hispanic	1.58	2.45	2.04
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.65	4.55	2.73
Other, non-Hispanic	3.28	6.72	3.10
Grade			
9th	1.24	1.69	2.33
10th	1.86	1.54	1.71
11th	0.16	1.88	1.42
12th	1.82	2.63	1.80

*The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey—Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1993, 1995, and 1997.

APPENDIX A. SCHOOL PRACTICES AND POLICIES RELATED TO SAFETY AND DISCIPLINE

Concern over school crime and violence has prompted many public schools to take various measures to reduce and prevent violence and ensure safety in schools. Such measures include adopting zero tolerance policies; requiring students to wear uniforms; employing various security measures such as requiring visitor sign-in and using metal detectors; having police or other law enforcement representatives stationed at the school; and offering students various types of violence prevention programs. Presented in this appendix are data on the implementation of such safety measures in public schools. This report does not evaluate the effectiveness of any of these efforts or strategies, and the inclusion of a strategy does not suggest that it is endorsed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) or the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) as an effective means of reducing or preventing violence. Likewise, the omission of a possible strategy does not suggest it is rejected by NCES or BJS as a policy to reduce or prevent violence. This information, along with supporting tables, was drawn from a recent NCES report titled *Violence and Discipline Problems in U.S. Public Schools: 1996–97* (NCES 98-030). The report was based on data from the 1996–97 Fast Response Survey System (FRSS) Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence. Readers should consult that report for more detailed findings on variation by school characteristics.

Zero Tolerance Policies

- Most public schools reported having zero tolerance policies toward serious student offenses (table A1). A "zero tolerance policy" was defined as a school or district policy that mandates predetermined consequences or punishments for specific offenses. At least 9 out of 10 schools reported zero tolerance policies for firearms (94 percent) and weapons other than firearms (91 percent). Eighty-seven percent of schools had policies of zero tolerance for alcohol and 88 percent had zero tolerance policies for drugs. Most schools also had zero tolerance policies for violence and tobacco (79 percent each).

School Uniforms

- Requiring students to wear school uniforms was not common. Three percent of all public schools required students to wear uniforms during the 1996–97 school year (table A2).

Security Measures

- Schools took a number of measures to secure their schools. For example, 96 percent of public schools reported that visitors were required to sign in before entering the school building (table A3); 80 percent of public schools reported having a closed campus policy that prohibited most students from leaving the campus for lunch; 53 percent of public schools controlled access to their school building; and 24 percent of public schools controlled access to their school grounds. In addition, 19 percent of public schools reported conducting drug sweeps, with middle schools and high schools being more likely to use drug sweeps than elementary schools (36 and 45 percent, respectively, versus 5 percent). While 4 percent of public schools reported that they performed random metal detector checks on students, daily use of metal detectors as a security measure was not common: only 1 percent of public schools reported taking this measure.

Presence of Police or Other Law Enforcement Representatives in Schools

- In addition to the security measures described above, 6 percent of public schools reported having police or other law enforcement representatives stationed 30 hours or more at the school in a typical week during the 1996–97 school year; 1 percent of schools had them stationed from 10 to 29 hours; and 3 percent had them stationed from 1 to 9 hours. Twelve percent of schools did not have police or other law enforcement representatives stationed during a typical week but made them available as needed, and 78 percent of schools did not have any such persons stationed at their schools (table A4).

Violence Prevention or Reduction Programs

- A majority of public schools (78 percent) reported having some type of formal school violence prevention or reduction program (table A5). The percentage of schools with both 1-day and ongoing programs (43 percent) was higher than schools with only ongoing programs (24 percent) and schools with only 1-day programs (11 percent).

Policies to Prevent Firearms in School

- In the 1996–97 school year, there were over 5,000 student expulsions for possession or use of a firearm (table A6). An additional 3,300 students were transferred to alternative schools for possession or use of a firearm, while 8,144 were placed in out-of-school suspensions lasting 5 or more days. About 5 percent of all public schools (or 4,170) took one or more of these actions.

Table A1—Percentage of public schools that reported that they have a zero tolerance policy for various specified student offenses, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Types of offenses					
	Violence	Firearms	Weapons other than firearms	Alcohol	Drugs	Tobacco
All public schools	79	94	91	87	88	79
Instructional level						
Elementary school	79	93	91	87	88	82
Middle school	75	95	90	86	90	77
High school	80	96	92	86	89	72
School enrollment						
Less than 300	76	93	89	84	84	76
300–999	79	94	91	88	89	82
1,000 or more	86	98	93	85	92	72
Locale						
City	87	97	95	89	91	83
Urban fringe	82	95	90	88	90	80
Town	71	90	86	82	83	77
Rural	76	94	92	88	89	78
Region						
Northeast	78	89	90	83	84	79
Southeast	83	95	89	90	92	80
Central	72	93	88	82	83	75
West	83	97	95	91	93	83
Percent minority enrollment						
Less than 5 percent	71	92	88	82	83	75
5–19 percent	79	94	92	89	90	80
20–49 percent	83	95	90	87	89	79
50 percent or more	85	97	94	90	92	83
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch						
Less than 20 percent	76	92	88	86	87	77
20–34 percent	77	94	90	87	88	82
35–49 percent	79	97	95	89	92	81
70–74 percent	80	95	90	85	88	79
75 percent or more	84	95	93	87	89	81

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinanan Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997

Table A2—Percentage of public schools that reported that students were required to wear school uniforms, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Uniforms required
All public schools	3
Instructional level	
Elementary school	4
Middle school	4
High school	(*)
School enrollment	
Less than 300	†
300–999	4
1,000 or more	8
Locale	
City	9
Urban fringe	6
Town	(*)
Rural	(*)
Region	
Northeast	1
Southeast	4
Central	2
West	6
Percent minority enrollment	
Less than 5 percent	(*)
5–19 percent	†
20–49 percent	2
50 percent or more	13
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch	
Less than 20 percent	(*)
20–34 percent	1
35–49 percent	2
70–74 percent	5
75 percent or more	11

*Less than 0.5 percent.
†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A3—Percentage of public schools that reported that they use various types of security measures at their schools, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Visitors must sign in	Closed campus for most students during lunch	Controlled access to school buildings	Controlled access to school grounds	One or more drug sweeps	Random metal detectors check on students	Students must pass through metal detectors each day
All public schools	96	80	53	24	19	4	1
Instructional level							
Elementary school	96	76	57	25	5	1	(*)
Middle school	96	93	51	22	36	7	1
High school	97	78	40	25	45	9	2
School enrollment							
Less than 300	91	67	40	16	22	(*)	1
300–999	98	84	57	24	15	4	1
1,000 or more	99	82	55	49	34	15	3
Locale							
City	100	81	62	35	12	8	2
Urban fringe	98	85	68	31	13	3	(*)
Town	96	77	49	20	23	2	1
Rural	92	75	33	13	27	2	(*)
Region							
Northeast	98	83	70	30	6	1	(*)
Southeast	99	86	52	28	24	9	1
Central	95	76	48	12	17	1	1
West	94	76	46	31	25	4	1
Percent minority enrollment							
Less than 5 percent	94	77	42	14	17	(*)	†
5–19 percent	97	81	55	22	23	1	(*)
20–49 percent	98	77	55	27	18	6	(*)
50 percent or more	97	84	63	38	18	9	4
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch							
Less than 20 percent	94	74	50	18	17	1	†
20–34 percent	99	77	51	19	20	3	(*)
35–49 percent	96	80	49	25	22	5	(*)
70–74 percent	95	85	57	27	22	4	1
75 percent or more	97	83	58	37	13	8	5

*Less than 0.5 percent.
†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A4—Percentage of public schools that reported various levels of police or other law enforcement representatives' presence during a typical week, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Police or other law enforcement representatives: Stationed at school: 30 hours or more	Stationed at school: 10–29 hours	Stationed at school: 1–9 hours	Not stationed during a typical week, but available as needed	None stationed at school during 1996–97
All public schools	6	1	3	12	78
Instructional level					
Elementary school	1	1	1	8	89
Middle school	10	3	5	17	65
High school	19	2	6	18	54
School enrollment					
Less than 300	1	(*)	1	9	89
300–999	4	1	3	12	80
1,000 or more	39	5	7	15	34
Locale					
City	13	4	3	11	69
Urban fringe	7	1	2	11	80
Town	5	1	4	11	78
Rural	1	(*)	2	14	83
Region					
Northeast	6	(*)	2	11	81
Southeast	9	2	2	11	77
Central	4	2	3	11	81
West	7	1	4	14	74
Percent minority enrollment					
Less than 5 percent	1	1	3	10	85
5–19 percent	6	1	3	10	80
20–49 percent	7	1	2	13	77
50 percent or more	13	3	3	14	67
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch					
Less than 20 percent	5	1	4	10	79
20–34 percent	7	1	2	10	80
35–49 percent	5	(*)	3	12	80
70–74 percent	6	2	1	13	78
75 percent or more	8	2	4	14	72

*Less than 0.5 percent.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997

Table A5—Percentage of public schools that reported formal school violence prevention or reduction programs or efforts, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Percent of schools with: Any programs	Only 1-day programs	Only ongoing programs	Both 1-day and ongoing programs
All public schools	78	11	24	43
Instructional level				
Elementary school	78	9	28	42
Middle school	82	7	19	56
High school	74	20	15	38
School enrollment				
Less than 300	68	14	20	34
300–999	81	10	26	45
1,000 or more	84	8	17	59
Locale				
City	87	5	25	57
Urban fringe	82	5	30	47
Town	72	11	22	38
Rural	73	21	18	35
Region				
Northeast	75	8	27	40
Southeast	84	13	28	44
Central	76	9	21	46
West	77	14	20	43
Percent minority enrollment				
Less than 5 percent	67	11	20	36
5–19 percent	78	10	24	44
20–49 percent	86	12	30	44
50 percent or more	84	10	22	52
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch				
Less than 20 percent	73	8	22	43
20–34 percent	75	6	24	44
35–49 percent	81	15	27	40
70–74 percent	80	16	20	44
75 percent or more	85	12	26	47

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A6—Number and percentage of schools in which specified disciplinary actions were taken against students, total number of actions taken, and percentage of specific disciplinary actions taken against students, by type of infraction: 1996–97

Infraction	Total number of schools taking one or more of these specified actions	Percent of schools taking one or more of these specified actions	Total number of these specified actions taken	Number of actions taken		
				Expulsions	Transfers to alternative schools or programs	Out-of-school suspensions lasting 5 or more days
Possession or use of a firearm	4,170	5	16,587	5,143	3,301	8,144
Possession or use of a weapon other than a firearm	16,740	22	58,554	13,698	12,943	31,970
Possession, distribution, or use of alcohol or drugs, including tobacco	20,960	27	170,464	30,522	34,255	105,723
Physical attacks or fights	30,160	39	330,696	50,961	62,108	217,627

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A7—Standard errors for table A1: Percentage of public schools that reported that they have a zero tolerance policy for various specified student offenses, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Types of offenses					
	Violence	Firearms	Weapons other than firearms	Alcohol	Drugs	Tobacco
All public schools	1.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.5
Instructional level						
Elementary school	2.4	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1
Middle school	2.3	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.3
High school	2.0	1.1	1.5	2.2	1.9	2.4
School enrollment						
Less than 300	3.8	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.8
300–999	1.8	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5
1,000 or more	2.4	0.7	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.8
Locale						
City	2.5	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.3
Urban fringe	2.7	1.5	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.6
Town	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.1
Rural	3.5	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.9
Region						
Northeast	3.6	2.5	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.6
Southeast	2.6	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.4	2.7
Central	3.4	2.1	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.3
West	2.3	1.3	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.0
Percent minority enrollment						
Less than 5 percent	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.2
5–19 percent	3.9	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.9
20–49 percent	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.5
50 percent or more	2.2	1.2	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.1
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch						
Less than 20 percent	3.4	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.0
20–34 percent	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.2
35–49 percent	4.2	1.8	1.9	2.8	2.8	3.2
70–74 percent	3.2	1.8	2.3	3.1	2.8	3.2
75 percent or more	3.6	2.2	2.4	3.2	3.2	3.4

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A8—Standard errors for table A2: Percentage of public schools that reported that students were required to wear school uniforms, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Uniforms required
All public schools	0.6
Instructional level	
Elementary school	0.9
Middle school	0.8
High school	—
School enrollment	
Less than 300	†
300–999	0.9
1,000 or more	2.2
Locale	
City	1.9
Urban fringe	1.8
Town	—
Rural	—
Region	
Northeast	0.9
Southeast	1.4
Central	1.0
West	1.4
Percent minority enrollment	
Less than 5 percent	—
5–19 percent	†
20–49 percent	1.0
50 percent or more	2.3
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch	
Less than 20 percent	—
20–34 percent	0.7
35–49 percent	1.2
70–74 percent	1.6
75 percent or more	2.6

—Estimate of standard error is not derived because it is based on a statistic estimated at less than 0.5 percent or at 100 percent.
†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A9—Standard errors for table A3: Percentage of public schools that reported that they use various types of security measures at their schools, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Visitors must sign in	Closed campus for most students during lunch	Controlled access to school buildings	Controlled access to school grounds	One or more drug sweeps	Random metal detectors check on students	Students must pass through metal detectors each day
All public schools	0.9	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.1	0.4	0.3
Instructional level							
Elementary school	1.4	2.5	2.8	2.3	1.3	0.5	—
Middle school	1.2	1.7	2.7	1.9	2.4	1.0	0.4
High school	1.0	2.2	2.3	2.0	3.2	1.1	0.7
School enrollment							
Less than 300	3.0	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.2	—	0.4
300–999	0.6	1.8	2.4	2.1	1.1	0.6	0.4
1,000 or more	0.5	2.5	3.3	3.3	2.8	1.9	0.9
Locale							
City	—	2.9	3.2	3.7	1.0	1.0	0.5
Urban fringe	1.2	2.8	3.6	3.6	1.5	0.8	—
Town	1.5	3.6	3.7	2.7	2.8	0.8	0.8
Rural	2.4	3.4	3.8	2.8	3.0	1.0	—
Region							
Northeast	1.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	1.2	0.5	—
Southeast	0.9	2.8	3.9	2.8	2.4	1.4	0.7
Central	1.5	3.3	3.2	2.6	2.4	0.3	0.3
West	1.8	3.9	3.8	2.9	2.4	0.9	0.7
Percent minority enrollment							
Less than 5 percent	2.3	3.3	3.6	2.6	2.4	—	†
5–19 percent	1.1	3.2	3.9	3.0	2.6	0.7	—
20–49 percent	0.9	3.9	4.0	3.2	2.5	1.2	—
50 percent or more	1.6	3.2	4.1	3.8	2.1	1.3	1.2
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch							
Less than 20 percent	2.4	3.5	3.6	2.7	2.2	0.5	†
20–34 percent	0.5	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.0	0.8	—
35–49 percent	2.1	3.2	5.0	3.0	3.0	1.3	—
70–74 percent	1.9	4.0	4.4	3.9	2.9	0.8	0.4
75 percent or more	1.7	4.5	5.1	5.0	2.2	1.6	1.5

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†No cases are reported in this cell, although the event defined by this cell could have been reported by some students with these characteristics had a different sample been drawn.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A10—Standard errors for table A1: Percentage of public schools that reported various levels of police or other law enforcement representatives' presence during a typical week, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Police or other law enforcement representatives: Stationed at school: 30 hours or more	Stationed at school: 10–29 hours	Stationed at school: 1–9 hours	Not stationed during a typical week, but available as needed	None stationed at school during 1996–97
All public schools	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.1
Instructional level					
Elementary school	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.5
Middle school	1.3	0.8	1.1	1.9	2.4
High school	1.6	0.7	1.0	2.1	2.9
School enrollment					
Less than 300	0.4	—	0.5	2.4	2.8
300–999	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.3
1,000 or more	2.6	1.4	1.2	2.0	3.2
Locale					
City	1.4	1.2	0.8	2.9	3.1
Urban fringe	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.9	2.2
Town	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.9
Rural	0.5	—	0.8	2.3	2.5
Region					
Northeast	1.6	—	0.9	2.0	2.5
Southeast	1.1	0.8	0.8	2.1	2.5
Central	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.9	2.1
West	0.9	0.5	0.8	2.1	2.6
Percent minority enrollment					
Less than 5 percent	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.7	1.8
5–19 percent	0.9	0.3	0.8	1.8	2.3
20–49 percent	0.9	0.4	0.8	2.7	3.2
50 percent or more	1.7	1.3	0.9	2.6	3.1
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch					
Less than 20 percent	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.8	2.2
20–34 percent	1.0	0.5	0.7	1.9	2.3
35–49 percent	1.2	—	1.1	2.9	3.3
70–74 percent	1.2	0.9	0.4	2.6	3.2
75 percent or more	2.0	1.3	1.4	3.7	4.4

—Estimate of standard error is not derived because it is based on a statistic estimated at less than 0.5 percent or at 100 percent.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A11—Standard errors for table A5: Percentage of public schools that reported formal school violence prevention or reduction programs or efforts, by selected school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristics	Percent of schools with: Any programs	Only 1-day programs	Only ongoing programs	Both 1-day and ongoing programs
All public schools	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.4
Instructional level				
Elementary school	2.3	1.6	2.5	2.5
Middle school	2.0	1.5	1.9	2.8
High school	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.1
School enrollment				
Less than 300	4.2	3.0	4.0	4.0
300–999	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.8
1,000 or more	2.8	1.5	2.5	3.7
Locale				
City	2.6	1.4	3.3	3.6
Urban fringe	3.0	1.3	3.1	3.3
Town	3.5	2.3	3.1	3.1
Rural	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.3
Region				
Northeast	4.4	2.3	4.0	4.1
Southeast	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.7
Central	3.3	1.7	2.7	3.6
West	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.8
Percent minority enrollment				
Less than 5 percent	3.7	2.0	2.8	3.6
5–19 percent	3.5	1.9	2.5	3.1
20–49 percent	2.7	2.6	3.7	3.7
50 percent or more	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.4
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch				
Less than 20 percent	3.0	1.5	2.9	3.4
20–34 percent	3.0	2.0	3.7	3.9
35–49 percent	4.2	3.5	4.6	3.8
70–74 percent	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.9
75 percent or more	3.4	3.8	4.3	4.6

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

Table A12—Standard errors for table A6: Number and percentage of schools in which specified disciplinary actions were taken against students, total number of actions taken, and percentage of specific disciplinary actions taken against students, by type of infraction: 1996–97

Infraction	Total number of schools taking one or more of these specified actions	Percent of schools taking one or more of these specified actions	Total number of these specified actions taken	Number of actions taken		
				Expulsions	Transfers to alternative schools or programs	Out-of-school suspensions lasting 5 or more days
Possession or use of a firearm	480.6	0.6	3,778.2	1,094	1,139	2,495
Possession or use of a weapon other than a firearm	969.1	1.3	3,781.8	1,091	1,304	2,714
Possession, distribution, or use of alcohol or drugs, including tobacco	782.7	1.0	8,734.6	2,767	4,129	6,234
Physical attacks or fights	1,081.4	1.4	15,964.2	5,537	8,125	12,087

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence," FRSS 63, 1997.

APPENDIX B. TECHNICAL NOTES

General Information

The information presented in this report was obtained from many data sources, including databases from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), and the Survey Research Center (SRC) of the University of Michigan. While some of the data were collected from universe surveys, most were gathered by sample surveys. Some questions from different surveys may appear the same, but they were actually asked of different populations of students (e.g., high school seniors or students in grades 9 through 12); in different years; about experiences that occurred within different periods of time (e.g., in the past 4 weeks or during the past 12 months); and at different locations (e.g., in school or at home). Readers of this report should take particular care when comparing data from the different data sources. Because of the variation in collection procedures, timing, phrasing of questions, and so forth, the results from the different sources may not be strictly comparable. After introducing the data sources used for this report, the next section discusses the accuracy of estimates and describes the statistical procedures used.

Sources of Data

Table B1 presents some key information for each of the data sets used in the report, including the survey year, target population, response rates, and sample sizes. The remainder of the section briefly describes each data set and provides directions for obtaining more information. The exact wording of the interview questions used to construct the indicators are presented in table B2.

National Household Education Survey (NHES)

The National Household Education Survey (NHES) is a data collection system of the National Center for Education Statistics that provides descriptive data on the condition of education in the United States. It has been conducted in 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1996. For each year, the survey covered two substantive components addressing education-related topics. One topic that the 1993 survey focused on was school safety and discipline, covering information on the school learning environment, discipline policy, safety at school, victimization, availability and use of alcohol/drugs, and alcohol/drug education.

Unlike traditional student- or school-based data collections, the NHES collected data from households. The data collection involved a three-stage process. First, using random digit dialing (RDD) telephone survey methods, a representative sample of households in the 50 states and the District of Columbia was selected. Within these households, individuals who met predetermined criteria were then screened. Finally, eligible persons were given detailed or extended interviews by computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) procedures. Two groups of individuals completed interviews for the School Safety and Discipline component of NHES:93: 12,680 parents of children enrolled in grades 3 through 12, and 6,504 students enrolled in grades 6 through 12. This report focuses only on the responses of students in grades 6 through 12; the overall weighted student response rate was 68 percent. The item nonresponse rate was generally low, and items with missing data were imputed. As a result, no missing data remain in the data set. For additional information about the School Safety and Discipline component of NHES:93, refer to J.M. Brick, M. Collins, M.J. Nolin, P. Ha, M. Levinsohn, and K. Chandler, 1994, *National Household Education Survey of 1993, School Safety and Discipline Data File User's Manual* (NCES 94-193), or contact:

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Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS)

This report draws upon data on teacher victimization from the 1993–94 Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS:93–94), which provides national- and state-level data on public and private schools, principals, school districts, and teachers. The 1993–94 survey was the third in a series of cross-sectional school-focused surveys, following ones conducted in 1990–91 and 1987–88. It consisted of four sets of linked questionnaires, including surveys of schools, the principals of each selected school, a subsample of teachers within each school, and public school districts. Data were collected by multistage sampling. Stratified by state, control, type, association membership, and grade level (for private schools), schools were sampled first. Approximately 9,900 public schools and 3,300 private schools were selected to participate in the 1993–94 SASS. Within each school, teachers were further stratified into one of five teacher types in the following hierarchy: 1) Asian or Pacific Islander; 2) American Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo; 3) bilingual/ESL; 4) new teachers; and 5) experienced teachers. Within each

teacher stratum, teachers were selected systematically with equal probability. Approximately 56,700 public school teachers and 11,500 private school teachers were sampled.

This report focuses on teachers' responses. The overall weighted response rates were 84 percent for public school teachers and 73 percent for private school teachers. In the Public School Teacher Questionnaire, 91 percent of the items had a response rate of 90 percent or more, and in the Private School Teacher Questionnaire, 89 percent of the items had this level of response. Values were imputed for questionnaire items that should have been answered but were not. For additional information about SASS, refer to R. Abramson, C. Cole, S. Fondelier, B. Jackson, R. Parmer, and S. Kaufman, 1996, *1993–94 Schools and Staffing Survey: Sample Design and Estimation* (NCES 96-089), or contact:

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National School-Based Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

The National School-Based Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is one component of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), an epidemiological surveillance system that was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor the prevalence of youth behaviors that most influence health. The YRBS focuses on priority health-risk behaviors established during youth that result in the most significant mortality, morbidity, disability, and social problems during both youth and adulthood. This report uses 1993, 1995, and 1997 YRBS data.

The YRBS used a three-stage cluster sampling design to produce a nationally representative sample of students in grades 9 through 12 in the United States. The target population consisted of all public and private school students in grades 9 through 12 in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The first-stage sampling frame included selecting primary sampling units (PSUs) from strata formed on the basis of urbanization and the relative percentage of black and Hispanic students in the PSU. These PSUs are either large counties or groups of smaller, adjacent counties. At the second stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to school enrollment size. Schools with substantial numbers of black and Hispanic students were sampled at relatively higher rates than all other schools. The final stage of sampling consisted of randomly selecting within each chosen school at each grade 9 through 12 one or two intact classes

of a required subject, such as English or social studies. All students in selected classes were eligible to participate. Approximately 16,300, 10,900, and 16,300 students were selected to participate in the 1993 survey, the1995 survey, and the 1997 survey, respectively.

The overall response rate was 70 percent for the 1993 survey, 60 percent for the 1995 survey, and 69 percent for the 1997 survey. NCES standards call for response rates of 70 percent or better and bias analyses are called for by NCES when that percentage is not achieved. For the YRBS data, a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date. The weights were developed to adjust for nonresponse and the oversampling of black and Hispanic students in the sample. The final weights were normalized so that only weighted proportions of students (not weighted counts of students) in each grade matched national population projections. For additional information about the YRBS, contact:

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Fast Response Survey System: Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence

The Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey was conducted through the NCES Fast Response Survey System (FRSS) during the spring and summer of 1997. Generally, the FRSS is a survey system designed to collect small amounts of issue-oriented data with minimal burden on respondents and within a relatively short time frame. The FRSS Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey focused on incidents of specific crimes/offenses and a variety of specific discipline issues in public schools. The survey was conducted with a nationally representative sample of regular public elementary, middle, and high schools in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Special education, alternative and vocational schools, schools in the territories, and schools that taught only prekindergarten, kindergarten, or adult education were not included in the sample.

The sample of public schools was selected from the 1993–94 NCES Common Core of Data (CCD) Public School Universe File. The sample was stratified by instructional level, locale, and school size. Within the primary strata, schools were also sorted by geographic region and by percent minority enrollment. The sample sizes were then allocated to the primary strata in rough proportion to the aggregate square root of the size of enrollment of schools in the stratum. A total of 1,415 schools were selected. Among them, 11 schools were found no longer to be in existence, and 1,234 schools completed the survey. In April 1997,

questionnaires were mailed to school principals, who were asked to complete the survey or to have it completed by the person most knowledgeable about discipline issues at the school. The raw response rate was 88 percent (1,234 schools divided by the 1,404 eligible schools in the sample). The weighted overall response rate was 89 percent, and item nonresponse rates ranged from 0 percent to 0.9 percent. The weights were developed to adjust for the variable probabilities of selection and differential nonresponse and can be used to produce national estimates for regular public schools in the 1996–97 school year. For more information about the FRSS: Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence, contact:

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National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), administered for the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics by the Bureau of the Census, is the nation's primary source of information on crime victimization and the victims of crime. Initiated in 1972 and redesigned in 1992, the NCVS collects detailed information on the frequency and nature of the crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated and simple assault, theft, household burglary, and motor vehicle theft experienced by Americans and their households each year. The survey measures crimes reported as well as those not reported to police.

Revision of Definition of "At school" for Teachers

The method for producing estimates of teacher victimizations was revised for this edition in order to more accurately reflect crimes occurring to teachers at school while working. The National Crime Victimization Survey asks a number of questions that potentially can be used to examine the relationship between employment and crime victimizations. The survey asks questions about job type at the time of the crime, the person's activity at the time of the crime, and the place of occurrence. The previous edition used job type and activity at the time of the crime to estimate teacher victimizations. A crime was counted if it occurred to a teacher while working or on the way to or from work. For this, and future editions, the estimate of teacher victimizations includes crimes occurring to teachers at school (location), or at the worksite (location), or while working (activity). (For thefts, activity was not considered, since thefts of teachers' property kept at school can occur when teachers are not present.) This combination of data elements provides the most complete, and, it is believed, most accurate estimate of victimizations to teachers on the job. Crimes occurring in transit to or from work

are now being excluded from the estimate, since these may not be directly related to risk while teaching.

The NCVS sample consists of about 55,000 households, selected using a stratified, multi-stage cluster design. In the first stage, the primary sampling units (PSUs), consisting of counties or groups of counties, are selected. In the second stage, smaller areas, called Enumeration Districts (EDs) were selected from each sampled PSU. Finally, from selected EDs, clusters of four households, called segments, were selected for interview. At each stage, the selection was done proportionate to population size in order to create a self-weighting sample. The final sample was augmented to account for housing units constructed after the decennial Census. Within each sampled household, Census Bureau personnel interviewed all household members ages 12 and older to determine whether they had been victimized by the measured crimes during the 6 months preceding the interview. About 90,000 persons ages 12 and older are interviewed each 6 months. Households remain in sample for 3 years and are interviewed 7 times at 6-month intervals. The initial interview at each sample unit is used only to bound future interviews to establish a time frame to avoid duplication of crimes uncovered in these subsequent interviews. After their seventh interview households are replaced by new sample households. The NCVS has consistently obtained a response rate of about 95 percent at the household level. During the study period, the completion rates for persons within households were about 91 percent. Thus, final response rates were about 86 percent. Weights were developed to permit estimates for the total U.S. population 12 years and older. For more information about the NCVS, contact:

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School Crime Supplement (SCS)

Created as a supplement to the NCVS and co-designed by the National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice Statistics, the School Crime Supplement (SCS) survey was conducted in 1989 and 1995 to collect additional information about school-related victimizations on a national level. The survey was designed to assist policymakers as well as academic researchers and practitioners at the federal, state, and local levels so that they can make informed decisions concerning crime in schools. The SCS asks students a number of key

questions about their experiences with and perceptions of crime and violence that occurred inside their school, on school grounds, or on the way to or from school. Additional questions not included in the NCVS were also added to the SCS, such as those concerning preventive measures used by the school, students' participation in afterschool activities, students' perceptions of school rules, the presence of weapons and street gangs in school, and the availability of drugs and alcohol in school, as well as attitudinal questions relating to fear of victimization in school.

In both 1989 and 1995, the SCS was conducted for a 6-month period from January through June in all households selected for the NCVS (see discussion above for information about the sampling design). Within these households, the eligible respondents for the SCS were those household members who were between the ages of 12 and 19, had attended school at any time during the 6 months preceding the interview, and were enrolled in a school that would help them advance toward eventually receiving a high school diploma. These persons were asked the supplemental questions in the SCS only after completing their entire NCVS interview. A total of 10,449 students participated in the 1989 SCS, and 9,954 in the 1995 SCS. In the 1989 and 1995 SCS, the household completion rates were 97 percent and 95 percent, respectively, and the student completion rates were 86 percent and 78 percent, respectively. Thus, the overall SCS response rate (calculated by multiplying the household completion rate by the student completion rate) was 83 percent in 1989 and 74 percent in 1995. Response rates for most survey items were high—mostly over 95 percent of all eligible respondents. The weights were developed to compensate for differential probabilities of selection and nonresponse. The weighted data permit inferences about the 12- to 19-year-old student population who were enrolled in schools in 1989 and 1995. For more information about SCS, contact:

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Accuracy of Estimates

The accuracy of any statistic is determined by the joint effects of "nonsampling" and "sampling" errors. Both types of error affect the estimates presented in this report. Several sources can contribute to nonsampling errors. For example, members of the population of interest are inadvertently excluded from the sampling frame; sampled members refuse to answer some of the survey questions

(item nonresponse) or all of the survey questions (questionnaire nonresponse); mistakes are made during data editing, coding, or entry; the responses that respondents provide differ from the "true" responses; or measurement instruments such as tests or questionnaires fail to measure the characteristics they are intended to measure. Although nonsampling errors due to questionnaire and item nonresponse can be reduced somewhat by the adjustment of sample weights and imputation procedures, correcting nonsampling errors or gauging the effects of these errors is usually difficult.

Sampling errors occur because observations are made on samples rather than on entire populations. Surveys of population universes are not subject to sampling errors. Estimates based on a sample will differ somewhat from those that would have been obtained by a complete census of the relevant population using the same survey instruments, instructions, and procedures. The standard error of a statistic is a measure of the variation due to sampling; it indicates the precision of the statistic obtained in a particular sample. In addition, the standard errors for two sample statistics can be used to estimate the precision of the difference between the two statistics and to help determine whether the difference based on the sample is large enough so that it represents the population difference.

Most of the data used in this report were obtained from complex sampling designs rather than a simple random design. In these sampling designs, data were collected through stratification, clustering, unequal selection probabilities, or multistage sampling. These features of the sampling usually result in estimated statistics that are more variable (that is, have larger standard errors) than they would have been if they had been based on data from a simple random sample of the same size. Therefore, calculation of standard errors requires procedures that are markedly different from the ones used when the data are from a simple random sample. The Taylor series approximation technique or the balanced repeated replication (BRR) method was used to estimate most of the statistics and their standard errors in this report. Table B3 lists the various methods used to compute standard errors for different data sets.

Standard error calculation for data from the National Crime Victimization Survey and the School Crime Supplement relied on a different procedure. For statistics based on the NCVS and the SCS data, standard errors were derived from a formula developed by the Census Bureau, which consists of three generalized variance function (gvf) constant parameters that represent the curve fitted to the individual standard errors calculated using the Jackknife Repeated Replication technique. The formulas used to compute the adjusted standard errors associated with percentages or population counts can be found in table B3.

Statistical Procedures

The comparisons in the text have been tested for statistical significance to ensure that the differences are larger than might be expected due to sampling variations. Unless otherwise noted, all statements cited in the report are statistically significant at the .05 level. Several test procedures were used, depending upon the type of data being analyzed and the nature of the statement being tested. The primary test procedure used in this report was the Student's *t* statistic, which tests the difference between two sample estimates, for example, between males and females. The formula used to compute the *t* statistic is as follows:

$$t = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{\sqrt{se_1^2 + se_2^2}} \qquad (1)$$

where E_1 and E_2 are the estimates to be compared and se_1 and se_2 are their corresponding standard errors. Note that this formula is valid only for independent estimates. When the estimates are not independent (for example, when comparing a total percentage with that for a subgroup included in the total), a covariance term (i.e., $2*se_1*se_2$) must be added to the denominator of the formula:

$$t = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{\sqrt{se_1^2 + se_2^2 + 2*se_1*se_2}} \qquad (2)$$

Once the *t* value was computed, it was compared with the published tables of values at certain critical levels, called *alpha levels*. For this report, an alpha value of 0.05 was used, which has a *t* value of 1.96. If the *t* value was larger than 1.96, then the difference between the two estimates was statistically significant at the 95 percent level.

When multiple comparisons among more than two groups were made, for example, among racial/ethnic groups, a Bonferroni adjustment to the significance level was used to ensure that the significance level for the tests as a group was at the .05 level. Generally, when multiple statistical comparisons are made, it becomes increasingly likely that an indication of a population difference is erroneous. Even when there is no difference in the population, at an alpha of .05, there is still a 5 percent chance of concluding that an observed *t* value representing one comparison in the sample is large enough to be statistically significant. As the number of comparisons increase, the risk of making such an erroneous inference also increases. The Bonferroni procedure corrects the significance (or alpha) level for the total number of comparisons made within a particular classification variable. For each classification variable, there are (K*(K–1)/2) possible comparisons (or nonredundant pairwise combinations), where K is the number of categories. The Bonferroni procedure divides the alpha level for a single *t* test by the number of possible pairwise comparisons in order to produce

a new alpha level that is corrected for the fact that multiple contrasts are being made. As a result, the *t* value for a certain alpha level (e.g., .05) increases, which makes it more difficult to claim that the difference observed is statistically significant.

Finally, a linear trend test was used when a statement describing a linear trend, rather than the differences between two discrete categories, was made. This test allows one to examine whether, for example, the percentage of students using drugs increased (or decreased) over time or whether the percentage of students who reported being physically attacked in school increased (or decreased) with their age. Based on a regression with, for example, student's age as the independent variable and whether a student was physically attacked as the dependent variable, the test involves computing the regression coefficient (*b*) and its corresponding standard error (se). The ratio of these two (*b*/se) is the test statistic *t*. If *t* is greater than 1.96, the critical value for one comparison at the .05 alpha level, the hypothesis that there is a linear relationship between student's age and being physically attacked is not rejected.

Table B1—Descriptions of data sources and samples used in the report

Data source	Target population	Year of survey	Response rate (%)	Sample size
National Household Education Survey (NCES)	A nationally representative sample of students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 in public and private schools at the time of the interview.	1993	68[1,2]	6,504
Schools and Staffing Survey (NCES)	A nationally representative sample of public and private school teachers from grades K through 12.	1993–1994	84 (public)[1] 73 (private)[1]	47,105 8,372
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (CDC)	A nationally representative sample of students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in public and private schools at the time of the survey.	1993 1995 1997	70[2] 60[3,4] 69[3,4]	16,296 10,904 16,262
FRSS Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey (NCES)	A nationally representative sample of regular public elementary, middle, and secondary schools.	1996–1997	89[1]	1,234
National Crime Victimization Survey (BJS)	A nationally representative sample of individuals 12 years of age and older living in households and group quarters.	1992–1997 (Annual)	About 86[3]	About 90,000
School Crime Supplement (BJS/NCES)	A nationally representative sample of students ages 12 through 19 enrolled in public and private schools during the 6 months prior to the interview.	1989 1995	83[3] 74[3]	10,449 9,954

—Not applicable.
[1]Weighted response rate.
[2]Bias analyses by NCES found that estimates from this survey are not substantially affected by differential nonresponse.
[3]Unweighted response rate.
[4]The response rate for this survey was less than 70 percent and a full nonresponse bias analysis has not been done to date.

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
Nonfatal Student Victimization		
National Crime Victimization Survey (Screen Questionnaire)	• (During the last 6 months) Was something belonging to you stolen, such as Things that you carry, like luggage, a wallet, purse, briefcase, book? Bicycle or sports equipment? Or did anyone attempt to steal anything belonging to you?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Has anyone attacked or threatened you in any of the following ways: With any weapon, for instance, a gun or knife? With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick? By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle? Include any grabbing, punching, or choking? Any rape, attempted rape or other type of sexual attack? Any face to face threats? Or any attack or threat or use of force by anyone at all? (Please mention it even if you are not certain it was a crime)	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• Incidents involving forced or unwanted sexual acts are often difficult to talk about. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Have you been forced or coerced to engage in unwanted sexual activity by: Someone you didn't know before? A casual acquaintance? Someone you know well?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Since _____, 19__ were you attacked or threatened or did you have something stolen from you At work or school? Or did anyone attempt to attack or attempt to steal anything belonging to you from any of these places?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• People often don't think of incidents committed by someone they know. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Did you have something stolen from you or were you attacked or threatened by someone at work or school?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators—Continued

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
National Crime Victimization Survey (continued) (Incident report)	• Where did this incident happen?	In own home or lodging/ Near own home/ At, in or near a friend's/relative's/neighbor's home/ Commercial places/ Parking lots/garages/ School/ Open areas, on street or public transportation/ Other
	• What were you doing when this incident (happened/started)?	Working or on duty/ On the way to or from work/ On the way to or from school/ On the way to or from other place/ Shopping, errands/ Attending school/ Leisure activity away from home/ Sleeping/ Other activities at home/ Other
Youth Risk Behavior Survey	• During the past 12 months, how many times has someone threatened or injured you with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?	0 times/1 time/2–3 times/4–5 times/6–7 times/8- 9 times/ 10-11 times/12 or more times
	• During the last 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?	0 times/1 time/2–3 times/4–5 times/6–7 times/8- 9 times/ 10-11 times/12 or more times

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators—Continued

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (continued)	• During the last 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight on school property?	0 times/1 time/2–3 times/4–5 times/6–7 times/8- 9 times/ 10-11 times/12 or more times
	• During the past 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property such as your car, clothing, or books on school property?	0 times/1 time/2–3 times/4–5 times/6–7 times/8- 9 times/ 10-11 times/12 or more times
School Crime Supplement	• During the past six months, did anyone take money or things directly from you by force, weapon, or threats at school?	Yes / No
	• During the past six months, did anyone steal something from your desk, locker, or some other place at school (other than incidents just mentioned)?	Yes / No
	• Did anyone physically attack you at school during the past six months (other than the incidents just mentioned)?	Yes / No
National Household Education Survey	• Did any incidents of bullying happen to you this school year?	Yes / No
Violence and Crime at School		
FRSS Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey	• During the 1996–97 school year, how many incidents involving each type of the following crimes or offenses have occurred at your school? Only include incidents in which police or other law enforcement representatives were contacted. Murder Rape or other type of sexual battery Suicide Physical attack or fight with a weapon Physical attack or fight without a weapon Robbery Theft/larceny Vandalism	Actual number of incidents in which police or other law enforcement representatives were contacted

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators—Continued

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
Nonfatal Teacher Victimization		
National Crime Victimization Survey (Screen Questionnaire)	• (During the last 6 months) Was something belonging to you stolen, such as Things that you carry, like luggage, a wallet, purse, briefcase, book? Bicycle or sports equipment? Or did anyone attempt to steal anything belonging to you?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Has anyone attacked or threatened you in any of the following ways: With any weapon, for instance, a gun or knife? With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick? By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle? Include any grabbing, punching, or choking? Any rape, attempted rape or other type of sexual attack? Any face to face threats? Or any attack or threat or use of force by anyone at all? (Please mention it even if you are not certain it was a crime)	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• Incidents involving forced or unwanted sexual acts are often difficult to talk about. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Have you been forced or coerced to engage in unwanted sexual activity by: Someone you didn't know before? A casual acquaintance? Someone you know well?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Since _____, 19__ were you attacked or threatened or did you have something stolen from you At work or school? Or did anyone attempt to attack or attempt to steal anything belonging to you from any of these places?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times
	• People often don't think of incidents committed by someone they know. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) Did you have something stolen from you or were you attacked or threatened by someone at work or school?	Yes / No; if Yes, then actual number of times

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators—Continued

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
National Crime Victimization Survey (continued) (Incident report)	• Where did this incident happen?	In own home or lodging/ Near own home/ At, in or near a friend's/relative's/neighbor's home/ Commercial places/ Parking lots/garages/ School/ Open areas, on street or public transportation/ Other
	• What were you doing when this incident (happened/started)?	Working or on duty/ On the way to or from work/ On the way to or from school/ On the way to or from other place/ Shopping, errands/ Attending school/ Leisure activity away from home/ Sleeping/ Other activities at home/ Other
Schools and Staffing Survey	• Has a student (from this school) threatened to injure you in the past 12 months?	Yes / No
	• Has a student (from this school) physically attacked you in the past 12 months?	Yes / No

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators—Continued

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
School Environment		
Youth Risk Behavior Survey	• During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife?	0 days/1 day/2–3 days/3–5 days/6–9 days/10 or more
	• During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?	0 days/1 day/2–3 days/3–5 days/6–9 days/10 or more
	• During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?	0 days/1 day/2 days/ days/6–9 days/10-19 days/ 20 to 29 days/all 30 days
	• During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol on school property?	0 days/1 day/2 days/ days/6–9 days/10-19 days/ 20 to 29 days/all 30 days
	• During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana?	0 days/1 day/2 days/ days/6–9 days/10-19 days/ 20 to 29 days/all 30 days
	• During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana on school property?	0 days/1 day/2 days/ days/6–9 days/10-19 days/ 20 to 29 days/all 30 days
	• During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold or given you an illegal drug on school property?	Yes/No

Table B2—Wording of survey questions used to construct indicators—Continued

Survey	Questions	Response Categories
School Crime Supplement	• How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you at school?	Never / Almost never / Sometimes / Most of time
	• How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on the way to and from school?	Never / Almost never / Sometimes / Most of time
	• Did you stay away from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there? The entrance into the school Any hallways or stairs in school Parts of the school cafeteria Any school rest rooms Other places inside the school building	Yes / No
	• Are there any street gangs at your school?	Yes / No / Don't Know
FRSS Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey	• Circle the number indicating to what extent, if any, each of the following has been a problem in your school during the 1996–97 school year: Student tardiness Student absenteeism/class cutting Physical conflicts among students Robbery or theft of items over $10 Vandalism of school property Student alcohol use Student drug use Sale of drugs on school grounds Student tobacco use Student possession of weapons Trespassing Verbal abuse of teachers Physical abuse of teachers Teacher absenteeism Teacher alcohol or drug use Racial tensions Gangs	1) Serious / 2) Moderate / 3) Minor / 4) Not a problem

Table B3—Methods used to calculate standard errors of statistics for different surveys

Survey	Year	Method of calculation
National Crime Victimization Survey	1993 to 1997	Standard errors of crime level data and aggregated crime rates per 1,000 persons were calculated using three generalized variance function (gvf) constant parameters (denoted as a, b, and c) and formulas published in Appendix II, pp. 144–148) of *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 1994*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, May 1997, NCJ-162126. The formula used to calculate standard errors (q) of crime level data (x) is: $\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + cx^{1/2}}$ where x is the estimated number of crimes of interest, and a, b, and c are gvf constant parameters. The formula used to calculate standard errors of aggregated crime rates per 1,000 persons (r) is: $\sqrt{br(1000 - r)/y + cr(\sqrt{1000r} - r)/\sqrt{(y)}}$ where r is the aggregate crime rate (i.e., 1000* total crimes / total population), y is the aggregated base population, and b and c are gvf constant parameters. The three gvf constant parameters associated with the specific years are: Year a b c 1992 -0.00015053 5,470 4.332 1993 -0.00007899 2,870 2.273 1994 -0.00006269 2,278 1.804 1995 -0.00006269 2,278 1.804 1996 -0.00006543 2,378 1.883 1997 -0.00016972 2,945 2.018 Aggregated data from 1993 to 97 -0.00003284 4,763 1.683 The standard error parameters for 1997 differ somewhat from those for previous years because of a sample cut implemented in October, 1996. The sample cut was not implemented across the board, but was done to maximize cost savings by eliminating interviewing in certain selected geographic areas. Since the "a" parameter is directly related to probability of selection in the survey sample, it was the most impacted of the parameters.
School Crime Supplement	1989 and 1995	Standard errors of percentage and population counts were calculated using three generalized variance function (gvf) constant parameters (denoted as a, b, and c) and formulas drawn from *Students' Reports of School Crime: 1989 and 1995* (p. 26), March 1998, NCES 98-241.

Table B3—Methods used to calculate standard errors of statistics for different surveys—Continued

Survey	Year	Method of calculation
		The formula used to calculate standard errors for percentages (p) is: $\sqrt{bp(1-p)/y + cp(\sqrt{p}-p)/\sqrt{y}}$ where p is the percentage or interest expressed as a proportion, y is the size of the population to which the percent applies, and b and c are gvf constant parameters. After the standard error is estimated, multiply it by 100 to make it applicable to the percentage. The formula used to calculate standard errors of population counts (x) is: $\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + cx^{1/2}}$ where x is the estimated number of students who experienced a given event, and a, b, and c are gvf constant parameters. The three gvf constant parameters associated with the specific years are: Year — a — b — c 1989 — -0.00001559 — 3,108 — 0.000 1995 — -0.00006269 — 2,278 — 1.804
National Household Education Survey	1993	Balanced repeated replication method using replicate weights available from the data set.
Schools and Staffing Survey	1993–1994	Balanced repeated replication method using replicate weights available from the data set.
FRSS Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey	1997	Balanced repeated replication method using replicate weights available from the data set.
Youth Risk Behavior Survey	1993, 1995, and 1997	Taylor series approximation method using PSU and strata variables available from the data set.

APPENDIX C. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

General Terms

Crime — Any violation of a statute or regulation or any act that the government has determined is injurious to the public, including felonies and misdemeanors. Such violation may or may not involve violence, and it may affect individuals or property.

Incident — A specific criminal act or offense involving one or more victims and one or more offenders.

Prevalence — The percentage of the population directly affected by crime in a given period. This rate is based upon specific information elicited directly from the respondent regarding crimes committed against his or her person, against his or her property, or against an individual bearing a unique relationship to him or her. It is not based upon perceptions and beliefs about, or reactions to, criminal acts.

School — An education institution consisting of one or more of grades K through 12.

School crime — Any criminal activity that is committed on school property.

School year — The 12-month period of time denoting the beginning and ending dates for school accounting purposes, usually from July 1 through June 30.

Specific Terms Used in Various Surveys

National Crime Victimization Survey

At school (students) — Inside the school building, on school property (school parking area, play area, school bus, etc.), or on the way to and from school.

At school (teachers) — Inside the school building, on school property (school parking area, play area, school bus, etc.), at work site, or while working. Activity is not considered part of the definition for thefts.

Aggravated assault — Attack or attempted attack with a weapon, regardless of whether or not an injury occurs, and attack without a weapon when serious injury results.

Rape	Forced sexual intercourse including both psychological coercion as well as physical force. Forced sexual intercourse means vaginal, anal, or oral penetration by the offender(s). This category also includes incidents where the penetration is from a foreign object such as a bottle.
Robbery	Completed or attempted theft, directly from a person, of property or cash by force or threat of force, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.
Rural	A place not located inside the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). This category includes a variety of localities, ranging from sparsely populated rural areas to cities with populations of less than 50,000.
Serious violent crime	Rape, sexual assault, robbery, or aggravated assault.
Sexual assault	A wide range of victimizations, separate from rape or attempted rape. These crimes include attacks or attempted attacks generally involving unwanted sexual contact between the victim and offender. Sexual assault may or may not involve force and includes such things as grabbing or fondling. Sexual assault also includes verbal threats.
Simple assault	Attack without a weapon resulting either in no injury, minor injury, or in undetermined injury requiring less than 2 days of hospitalization. Also includes attempted assault without a weapon.
Suburban	A county or counties containing a central city, plus any contiguous counties that are linked socially and economically to the central city. On the data tables, suburban areas are categorized as those portions of metropolitan areas situated "outside central cities."
Theft	Completed or attempted theft of property or cash without personal contact.
Victimization	A crime as it affects one individual person or household. For personal crimes, the number of victimizations is equal to the number of victims involved. The number of victimizations may be greater than the number of incidents because more than one person may be victimized during an incident.
Victimization rate	A measure of the occurrence of victimizations among a specific population group.
Violent crime	Rape, sexual assault, robbery, or assault.
Urban	The largest city (or grouping of cities) in an MSA.

School Crime Supplement

At school	In the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus.
Property crime	Theft of property from a student's desk, locker, or other locations at school.
Violent crime	Physical attacks or taking property from the student directly by force, weapons, or threats.

National Household Education Survey

At school	In the school, at school activities, or on the way to or from school.
Bully	Treat other persons abusively or affect others by means of force or coercion. For example, pick on others or make other students do things like give them money.
Rural	Places not classified as urban are rural.
Urban	An urban area in an urbanized area comprising a place and the adjacent densely settled surrounding territory that together have a minimum population of 50,000 people.
Suburban	A suburban area is an urban area out of an urbanized area that includes incorporated or unincorporated places outside of an urbanized area with a minimum population of 2,500 people.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

On school property	On school property is included in the question wording but was not defined for respondents.
Weapon	Any instrument or object used with the intent to threaten, injure, or kill. Examples of weapons appearing in the questionnaire include guns, knives, and clubs.
Illegal drugs	Examples of illegal drugs were marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, steroids, or prescription drugs without a doctor's permission, LSD, PCP, ecstasy, mushrooms, speed, ice, and heroin.

FRSS Principal/School Disciplinarian Survey

At school	In school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, or at places that hold school-sponsored events or activities, but are not officially on school grounds.

Central region	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
City	A central city of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
Elementary school	A school that has a low grade of 3 or less and a high grade of 1 through 8.
Free/reduced-price lunch	The percent of students enrolled in the school who are eligible for the federally funded free or reduced-price lunch program.
High school/combined	A school that has a low grade of 9 through 12 and a high grade of 10 through 12. Schools that do not precisely meet these qualifications, and are not elementary and middle schools, are classified as "combined" and are included in the analyses with high schools.
Less serious or nonviolent crime	Physical attack or fight without a weapon, theft or larceny, or vandalism.
Minority enrollment	The percent of students enrolled in the school whose race or ethnicity is classified as one of the following: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, black, or Hispanic, based on data in the 1993–94 Common Core of Data (CCD) file.
Middle school	A school that has a low grade of 4 through 9 and a high grade of 4 through 9.
Northeast region	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.
Robbery	The taking or attempting to take anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under confrontational circumstances by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
Physical attack or fight	An actual and intentional touching or striking of another person against his or her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to an individual. This category should be used only when the attack is serious enough to warrant calling the police or other law enforcement representative.
Rural	A place with a population less than 2,500 and defined as rural by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
School enrollment	Total number of students enrolled as defined by CCD.

Serious violent crime — Murder, suicide, rape or sexual battery, physical attack or fight with a weapon, or robbery.

Sexual battery — An incident that includes rape, fondling, indecent liberties, child molestation, or sodomy.

Southeast region — Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Theft or larceny — The unlawful taking of another person's property without personal confrontation, threat, violence, or bodily harm.

Town — A place not within an MSA, but with a population greater than or equal to 2,500 and defined as urban by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Urban fringe — A place within an MSA of a central city, but not primarily its central city.

Vandalism — The damage or destruction of school property.

West region — Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Schools and Staffing Survey

Central city — A large central city (a central city of a Metropolitan Statistical Area [MSA] with population greater than or equal to 400,000, or a population density greater than or equal to 6,000 per square mile) or a mid-size central city (a central city of an MSA, but not designated as a large central city).

Elementary school teachers — An elementary school teacher is one who, when asked for the grades taught, checked: 1) only "ungraded" and was designated as an elementary teacher on the list of teachers provided by the school; 2) 6th grade or lower, or "ungraded," and no grade higher than 6th; 3) 6th grade or lower and 7th grade or higher, and reported a primary assignment of prekindergarten, kindergarten, or general elementary; 4) 7th and 8th grades only, and reported a primary assignment of prekindergarten, kindergarten, or general elementary; 5) 6th grade or lower and 7th grade or higher, and reported a primary assignment of special education and was designated as an elementary teacher on the list of teachers provided by the school; or 6) 7th and 8th grades only, and reported a primary assignment of special education and was designated as an elementary teacher on the list of teachers provided by the school. A teacher at school that has grade 6 or lower, or one that is "ungraded" with no grade higher than the 8th.

Rural or small town

Rural area (a place with a population of less than 2,500 and defined as rural by the U.S. Bureau of the Census) or a small town (a place not within an MSA, with a population of less than 25,000, but greater than or equal to 2,500, and defined as nonurban by the U.S. Bureau of the Census).

Secondary school teachers

A secondary school teacher is one who, when asked for the grades taught, checked: 1) "ungraded" and was designated as a secondary teacher on the list of teachers provided by the school; 2) 6th grade or lower and 7th grade or higher, and reported a primary assignment other than prekindergarten, kindergarten, or general elementary; 3) 9th grade or higher, or 9th grade or higher and "ungraded"; 4) 7th and 8th grades only, and reported a primary assignment other than prekindergarten, kindergarten, general elementary, or special education; 5) 7th and 8th grades only, and reported a primary assignment of special education and was designated as a secondary teacher on the list of teachers provided by the school; or 6) 6th grade or lower and 7th grade or higher, or 7th and 8th grades only, and was not categorized above as either elementary or secondary.

Urban fringe or large town

Urban fringe of a large or mid-size city (a place within an MSA of a mid-size central city and defined as urban by the U.S. Bureau of the Census) or a large town (a place not within an MSA, but with a population greater or equal to 25,000 and defined as urban by the U.S. Bureau of the Census).

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